

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 18**

**WHEREAS**, in order to fully and effectively respond to the developing threats posed by the novel coronavirus and its associated disease (COVID-19), and in coordination with ongoing emergency actions by the state and federal governments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 20-16 declaring a local state of emergency in Pinellas County (Resolution); and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38(3)(a)(5) such declarations are limited to a duration of 7 days, after which they may be extended for additional periods of 7 days, as necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, in the time since the Resolution was passed, additional cases of COVID-19 have been identified in Pinellas County, and the threat to the public health continues to require dynamic emergency response, including the maintenance of existing orders and the ability to impose additional orders as conditions require; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 34 of the Pinellas County Code sets forth provisions for the designation of an official authority, as well as to ensure the readiness of Pinellas County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the people of Pinellas County;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020:

1.) That in light of the foregoing conditions and the serious threat to the residents of Pinellas County posed by COVID-19, the Board of County Commissioners finds that a factual basis exists for this declaration and hereby extends the local state of emergency established in Resolution 20-16, as well as all orders issued pursuant thereto, beginning as of 3 p.m. on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes.

Commissioner           Eggers           offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner           Seel          , and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES: Gerard, Eggers, Justice, Long, Peters, Seel, and Welch.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: None.

4:31 P.M.  
[time]

Or, in the absence of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners, and in accordance with Pinellas County Code Section 34-27:

Ordered this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020, at \_\_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

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Official Authority

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By:   
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Office of the County Attorney