

**EMERGENCY ORDER 20-18
FIFTH EXTENSION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
IN ALACHUA COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO OPEN UP AMERICA**

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-51 declaring a public health emergency as the result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus spread Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a general state of emergency in all the counties of the State; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has declared a National State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Department of Health have issued several Orders and Directives regarding public safety and limiting public activities to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected and diagnosed cases in the State of Florida and specifically Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16th President Trump released the Plan for Opening Up America Again which establishes a phased approach to returning to a normal situation; and

WHEREAS, the Plan for Opening Up America has 4 phases, the first being an evaluation of the situation on the ground which is described as “Gatekeeping Criteria” to determine if entry to Phase One is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, at present Alachua County is in constant contact with the State Department of Health regarding the necessary criteria to determine if the requirements of the gatekeeping phase have been met and based upon the criteria not yet being met Alachua has not entered in to Phase One; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Alachua County was issued on March 16th beginning at 1:04 p.m. which has been extended two times in most recently in Order 20-17; and,

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County’s Code §27.07.

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27.07, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. The State of Emergency proclaimed on March 16th shall continue uninterrupted for 7 days beginning at April 20TH at 1:04 p.m. unless extended.
3. I intend to extend this order by one or more subsequent orders, through a date not earlier than April 27th, 2020.
4. All other provisions of the proclamation and orders entered pursuant to the proclamation shall remain in force until lifted or repealed.
5. In accordance with §252.46(2) this order shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Clerk of Courts for Alachua County.

Dated this 20th day of April, 2020 at 10:40 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office