

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

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EMERGENCY ORDER 2020 – 04

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AN EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, ACKNOWLEDGING AND ADOPTING *EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-91* ISSUED APRIL 1, 2020 BY FLORIDA GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS; AND DESIGNATING ALL BRADFORD COUNTY GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS AS ESSENTIAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAME; PURSUANT TO SECTION 252.38, *FLORIDA STATUTES*, AND THE PROCLAMATION, DATED MARCH 17, 2020, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness that appears to occur through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-51*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a public health emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State of Florida Surgeon General and State Health Officer, by virtue of the Governor's *Executive Order 20-51* and Section 381.00315, *Florida Statutes*, issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency declaring that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-52*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida to address the public health emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout the United States and thousands of people have tested positive in many states including the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, given the foregoing, Bradford County Emergency Management Director Lt. Raymond Shuford issued a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on or about March 23, 2020, the State of Florida, Department of Health determined that an individual resident of Bradford County, Florida tested positive for COVID-19; representing the first confirmed case of the disease in Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, the State of Florida, Department of Health has determined that at least 19 additional, individual residents of Bradford County, Florida have tested positive for COVID-19 and at least one individual resident of COVID-19 has died of causes related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the number of cases of COVID-19 in the United States, the State of Florida and other Florida counties continues to increase; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 represents a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Bradford County residents, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this proclamation, said *Executive Order 20-51* and said *Executive Order 20-52* continue in effect; placing all of Florida's 67 counties under a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, *Florida Statutes*, states that "safeguarding the life and property of [the County's] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state" and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, a review of all relevant factors, including the information outlined herein, indicates that the effects of COVID-19 do and will continue to pose a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and specifically to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the current and ongoing threat associated with the effects of COVID-19 requires that timely precautions be taken to protect the community, critical infrastructure and general welfare of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing threat of the effects COVID-19 represents a severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, said severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County represents a true and active emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-91*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, which required all Floridians to "limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

WHEREAS, said *Executive Order 20-91* provides representative examples of essential services and essential activities through the adoption and incorporation of certain guidelines developed by the

United States Department of Homeland Security and other emergency orders adopted by Miami-Dade County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the essential services and essential activities outlined in said *Executive Order 20-91*, together with materials provided by the Governor's Office and the State of Florida, Division of Emergency Management following the issuance of *Executive Order 20-91*, provide an appropriate framework for a determination of the same by Bradford County; and

WHEREAS, the essential services and essential activities outlined in said *Executive Order 20-91* include county government operations; and

WHEREAS, the Bradford County government operations are essential to the provision of services necessary for the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida.

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NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code*, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, and further pursuant to the authority provided in *Executive Order 20-51*, *Executive Order 20-52* and *Executive Order 20-91*, and further pursuant to the authority provided by the Proclamation, dated March 17, 2020, declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida and for the aforementioned and above-outlined reasons, the undersigned, LT. RAYMOND SHUFORD hereby (1) acknowledges and adopts *Executive Order 20-91* for Bradford County, Florida specifically including the essential services and essential activities outlined and provided for therein; and (2) designates all Bradford County government operations as essential in accordance with *Executive Order 20-91*.

DULY PROCLAIMED by the Emergency Management Director of Bradford County, Florida.

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By: LT. RAYMOND SHUFORD, as its  
Emergency Management Director

April 3, 2020  
DATE / TIME