

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION 2020-002

April 9, 2020

TO: All Elected Officials, Department Heads, Division Chiefs, Boards and Independent Agencies – Consolidated City of Jacksonville

FROM: Lenny Curry, Mayor

SUBJECT: Proclamation Extending Declaration of Emergency in Accordance with Chapter 674, *Jacksonville Ordinance Code* due to Emergency Conditions

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor by the Charter and as Chief Executive and Administrative Officer of the Consolidated Government, I hereby proclaim and extend the declaration of a state of emergency exists associated with the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

WHEREAS, Chapter 674, *Jacksonville Ordinance Code*, authorizes me, as Mayor of the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, to proclaim and declare a state of emergency to address and respond to emergency situations or conditions within the Consolidated City; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, in response to the World Health Organization’s declaration of COVID-19 as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51, declaring a State of Florida Public Health Emergency associated with the threat to Florida residents associated with COVID-19 and invoking the State of Florida emergency response actions by the Florida Department of Health and the State Health Officer; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and directing the Director of the Division of Emergency Management, as the State Coordinating Officer, to execute State of Florida’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recover, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 the Florida Department of Health (DOH) announced a positive test for COVID-19 in a Duval County resident; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to Chapter 674, *Jacksonville Ordinance Code*, I executed and issued Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001, declaring a local state of emergency to respond to the threat posed to Duval County residents and visitors from the COVID-19 virus and to provide for and authorize imposition of emergency measures to locally address the pandemic; and

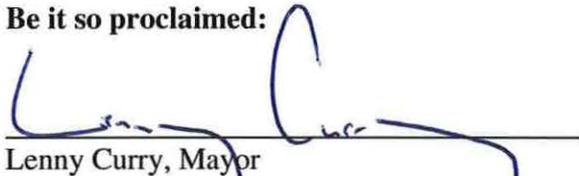
WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19 continues to require extraordinary and immediate actions by Duval County and the Consolidated Government in order to continue to protect the public's health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, Section 674.206(b), *Jacksonville Ordinance Code*, limits each emergency declaration to a period of thirty (30) days; however it also authorizes the Mayor to extend an emergency declaration for an additional thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, because the emergency threat to the public's health, safety and welfare associated with the COVID-19 pandemic continues to endanger the Consolidated City, it is necessary to extend the emergency response authorities in Chapter 674, *Ordinance Code* in order to enable the Consolidated City of Jacksonville to continue to respond to its obligations under Governor DeSantis' Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52 and to appropriately respond to the needs of Duval County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, it is declared and ordered that Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001 is hereby extended for an additional thirty (30) days and will continue in effect unless cancelled before that period of time has elapsed. This local state of emergency includes all of Duval County and the Consolidated Government (including the Beaches and Baldwin). Concurrent with this Proclamation, I hereby renew all existing Executive Orders issued pursuant to Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001, including the authority to take actions set forth in those Executive Orders, for the duration of this Proclamation.

Be it so proclaimed:



Lenny Curry, Mayor

Attested by: 

John C. Sawyer, Jr.
Corporation Secretary



Effective as of the 12th day of April, 2020 at 5:00p.m.

Form Approved:



Jason Gabriel, General Counsel