

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION: 2020-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSION, STATE OF FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO FRANKLIN COUNTY'S LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION AND ITS IMPACT ON LOCAL MATERIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES INCLUSIVE OF EMERGENCY RESPONSE PERSONEL AND HEALTH AND MEDICAL CARE SERVICE PROVIDERS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT; AND DECLARING SELF QUARANTINE GUIDELINES FOR VISITORS TO FRANKLIN COUNTY.

WHEREAS, a national state of emergency has been declared in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to the federal public health and safety agencies under President Trump's direction as well as the state emergency declaration and actions since taken by Governor DeSantis, Franklin County seeks to immediately enact those emergency and protective measures for Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners has declared a local state of emergency on March 17, 2020 in immediate response to the COVID-19 global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been activated for the event herein stated above pursuant to the "Local State of Emergency Proclamation" and authorization issued by the Franklin County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) thereby issuing themselves, the Franklin County Administrator and his representatives the power, authorities and duties pursuant to Chapter 252, Fla. Stat., to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners thereafter adopted Emergency Ordinance 20-07 closing Franklin County beaches; and

WHEREAS, there is necessity for further action of this Commission for continued prompt and efficient responses and recovery in order to safeguard lives and property affected by this pandemic including but not limited to the necessary restrictions, closures and as deemed necessary engagement and contracting of third party vendors for the protection and preservation of Franklin County life and property subject to the waivers and authority stated herein above; and,

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners recognize the immediate necessity and limited availability of the material and human resources available to the residents of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners recognize and emphasize their primary concern and care is for the health, safety and well-being of every resident of Franklin County during this global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners recognize that for the continued recovery from Hurricane Michael for many families in Franklin County it is vitally important that this Commission support all measures to protect and support the local residents of our rebuilding communities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners acknowledge the great sacrifice and immediate financial harm for many during this outbreak, that this Commission and the residents of Franklin County must do all it can to place the protection and well-being of Franklin County residents above all other competing interests; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners have already taken multiple preventative steps in the effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19, this Commission in cooperation with the Governor have actively promoted community wide social distancing and have closed all beaches and support the governor's orders heavily restricting access to dining, shopping and leisure activities; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County Board of County Commissioners have identified the limited material and human resources available to our residents and equally as important for those charged with caring for our residents during the initial stages of this pandemic; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the County Commission of Franklin County, of the State of Florida, with unanimous support and great conviction state the following:

1. The Board will continue to support and recommend the closing of its beaches and other public attractions and places of group gatherings and congregation and minimize and limit public exposure until it is a safe environment for all our residents and future visitors.
2. Franklin County as a small rural community cannot manage nor support an influx of visitors beyond its current ability to manage and serve the residents of Franklin County with the limited resources and limited medical system within the current pandemic.
3. Franklin County Board of County Commissioners emphatically advises ALL VISITORS (regardless of day trips and extended stays) to stay home in their primary communities, and thereby staying healthy and safe with the proper resources and health care system in place to assist them through this pandemic.

4. Franklin County Board of County Commissioners recognizing the growing number of clusters and spread for the pandemic with additional states and regions being added by President Trump, responsible federal agencies and Governor DeSantis' executive orders on a day to day basis, hereby advise and direct any and all individuals that enter Franklin County to a mandatory self-quarantine for no less than the CDC guidelines of fourteen (14) days upon entry into Franklin County. This list currently includes any and all international locations as well as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, California, Washington, Georgia and Louisiana and any additional states or regions hereinafter identified.

5. A copy of the Resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and filed with the Clerk of Court.

6. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at this special meeting of the Franklin County Commission, State of Florida, held on the 27th, day of March, 2020.

Franklin County Board of County Commissioners

By: Noah Lockley, Jr.
Noah Lockley, Jr., Its Chairman

Attested: Marcia M. Johnson
Marcia M. Johnson, Franklin County
Clerk of Court



Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Thomas M. Shuler
Thomas M. Shuler, County Attorney