

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for COVID-19 and directed the Florida Division of Emergency Management to activate the Florida Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to a Level II, to coordinate the state's response to COVID-19. Last week, the governor issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President declared the ongoing Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to section 501 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"). State, Territorial, Tribal, local government entities and certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations are eligible to apply for Public Assistance.

WHEREAS, the Madison County Emergency Management Department and the Madison County Health Department started taking Emergency Protective Actions and Response on March 9, 2020, after the Governor issued his Executive Order.

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners have met and believe that the COVID-19 virus poses a significant health risk to our older population, and to those with serious long-term health problems such as heart disease, diabetes, and lung disease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Madison County, Florida is hereby declared to be in a state of emergency.

In an effort to provide a quick response and save lives, the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the proceedings and formalities required by law of a political subdivision as provided by Florida Statute 252.38. While the state of emergency exist, the County shall have the power and authority to carry on those activities set forth in FS 252.38, including but not limited to: appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victim of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of the emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the plans and policies set forth by the Federal and State Emergency Management agencies;

To appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers;

To establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations;

To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of Madison County, including the employees, the property or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services for emergency operation services, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision.

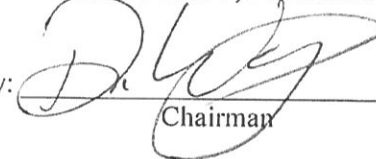
To request State assistance or invoke emergency related mutual-aid assistance by declaring a local state of emergency in the event of an emergency affecting only one political subdivision. The duration of this state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven 7 days; it may be extended as necessary, in seven-day increments.

By special order of the Madison County Board of County Commissioners on this 15th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:


Billy Washington, Ex Officio
Clerk of Circuit Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MADISON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Chairman