

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

OKEECHOBEE COUNTY FLORIDA

RESOLUTION N0: 2020-__

**DECLARATION EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY.**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38 Florida Statutes, notes that safeguarding the life and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, empowers political subdivisions to take certain actions, including the power and authority to assign and make available for duty the officers and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property, or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering , rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency operations purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3) (a), Florida Statutes, as well as Section 26-26 of the Okeechobee County Code, empowers the County to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County by law pertaining to 1: Performance of public work taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure health, safety, and welfare of the community; 2. Entering into contracts; 3. incurring obligations; 4. Employment of permanent and temporary worker; 5. Utilization of volunteer workers; 6. Rental of equipment; 7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and 8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds; and

WHEREAS, BOCC Resolution 2009-47 directs the use of the National Incident Management System as the county's system of preparing for and responding to disaster incidents, including the use of the Incident Command System to establish an Incident Management Team to address hazards and threats facing the jurisdiction, and a delegation of authority to an Incident Commander: and,

WHEREAS, In Resolution 2020 – 07 the Board of County Commissioners a local state of emergency for seven (7) days as of Thursday March 19, 2020 because of the imminent threat posed by the COVID-19 global pandemic,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, that:

1. That the state of local emergency declared on Thursday March 19, 2020 is extended for an additional seven (7) days from the time when the state of local emergency would have expired pursuant to Resolution.

RESOLVED this 2nd day of April 2020.

Terry W. Burroughs, Chair
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

Sharon Robertson, Clerk
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKEECHOBEE COUNTY, FLORIDA