

## **DECLARATION EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY 20-01**

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization previously declared Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) a public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

**WHEREAS**, On March 9, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 declaring a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Polk County has confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, according to studies of the National Institutes of Health, CDC, UCLA and Princeton University scientists, the virus that causes COVID-19 is stable for several hours to days in aerosols and on surfaces; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, pursuant to Polk County Ordinance 19-074, Declaration of State of Local Emergency 20-01 was issued to address the anticipated impact of COVID-19 on Polk County; and

**WHEREAS**, conditions continue to exist requiring the extension of Declaration of State of Local of Emergency 20-01 because of the propensity of the virus to spread person to person and because the virus physically is causing property damage due to its proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time.

**NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074 AND SECTION 252.38(3)(a)(5), FLORIDA STATUTES, STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY 20-01 DECLARED ON MARCH 16, 2020, WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES OF POLK COUNTY, INCLUDING BOTH THE INCORPORATED AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY, AND ENCOMPASSES THE EMERGENCY IDENTIFIED AS **NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)** IS HEREBY EXTENDED.**

**ACCORDINGLY , THE COUNTY MAY EVOKE ALL OF THE POWERS AS OUTLINED IN CHAPTER 252 FLORIDA STATUTES, POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074 OR OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY LAW.**

**FURTHERMORE, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF POLK COUNTY ORDINANCE 19-074 AND OTHER APPLICABLE COUNTY ORDINANCES AND STATE LAWS, THE COUNTY MANAGER OF POLK COUNTY AND HIS DESIGNEE(S) ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE EMERGENCY MEARSURES INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION:**

1. Utilize all available resources of the County government as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency;
2. Make provisions for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing and the emergency warehousing of materials;

