

**STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION
SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declared the potential public health threat posed by Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) as “high” in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Pandemic and a Worldwide Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency exists in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, Florida State Statutes, Chapter 252 authorizes the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to Declare that a Local State of Emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 8, Article V of the Sumter County Code authorizes the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners to declare a local emergency under such circumstances and to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to respond to such an emergency and to institute prohibitive measures; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter County Board of County Commissioners finds that the anticipated conditions created by COVID-19 pose a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Sumter County.

THEREFORE, BY CONSIDERATION AND INCORPORATION OF THE ABOVE RECITALS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. That the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated.
2. All public officials and employees of Sumter County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of this Local State of Emergency and in the execution of State and Local emergency orders, regulations, and directives.
3. The Emergency Management Director shall function as the County Coordinating Officer and shall provide overall coordination for the response to this emergency in Sumter County.
4. This Declaration shall remain in effect for seven days unless extended or dissolved.

Signed: Steve Printz
Steve Printz, Chairman
Sumter County Board of County Commissioners

Date: March 17, 2020



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Date 3/17/2020