

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 22-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 ("COVID-19").**

**WHEREAS**, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") continues to effect the citizenry of our nation, state and county; and

**WHEREAS**, under the current circumstances, it continues to be the duty of Suwannee County to take protective measures to protect and support the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners declared a local State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, which was extended on March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 30<sup>th</sup>, April 7 and again on April 14, 2020, to continue to deal with such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Suwannee County received confirmation of its first COVID-19 case on March 27, 2020 and the number of confirmed cases has continued to rise; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-91, mandating a statewide "stay-at-home" order for all Floridians required all Floridians to limit movements and all personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide "essential services" or conduct "essential activities". The Executive Order follows the federal definition of "essential services" as well as those so defined in a number of Miami-Dade Emergency Orders. All of those services are defined in attachments to the Governor's order. All other "non-essential" businesses shall be temporarily closed; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida to make, amend, and rescind such orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat. not inconsistent with State directives; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 252.50, Fla Stat., any person violating any provision of the Governors' Executive Order or any rule or order made pursuant to ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat., is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable, upon conviction, by a fine up to \$500, and/or by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, in emergency session, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020, that:

1. The local State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect for an additional seven (7) days until April 28, 2020 unless terminated or modified earlier, or extended in accordance with law.

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2. All provisions contained in the March 17th declaration and the extensions thereto are incorporated herein.

**DULY ADOPTED** with a quorum present and voting this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2020, time: 9:02 am.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By:   
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Len Stapleton  
Chairman

ATTEST

By:   
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Barry Baker  
Clerk

