EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION- SEVENTH EXTENSION
AND RESCISSION OF BEACHSIDE PARK AND PARKING CLOSURES
(COVID-19 Document #15)

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as ‘high’, both in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, under current circumstances, certain people will have an increased risk of infection, for example healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Brevard County to take protective measures – including development of incident action response plans, procurement of personal protective equipment, pandemic preventative training and exercise coordination, and similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency for the Country to address the public health threat to the United States of America as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County is encountering an impending serious threat to the health of the residents and visitors of Brevard County and;

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, a State of Local Emergency was declared by Brevard County (COVID-19 Document #1); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the First Amendment to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #2); and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Second Amendment to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #3); and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020 the first extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #4); and
WHEREAS, as on March 27, 2020 the second extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #6); and

WHEREAS, as on April 3, 2020 the third extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #9); and

WHEREAS, as on April 10, 2020 the fourth extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #11); and

WHEREAS, as on April 17, 2020 the fifth extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #13); and

WHEREAS, as on April 24, 2020 the sixth extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #13); and

WHEREAS, the State of Local Emergency Proclamation declared on March 14, 2020 authorized the County Manager to execute extensions of the Local State of Emergency as deemed necessary; and

WHEREAS, the serious public health threat from the COVID-19 pandemic is ongoing and continues to be a serious threat to the health of residents and visitors of Brevard County and therefore the Local State of Emergency declared on March 14, 2020 and amended on March 16, 2020 and March 18, 2020 needs to stay in effect; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Brevard County to extend a state of local emergency in 7 day increments to continue exercising certain powers and authority to safeguard the lives and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the sixth extension to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation declared on April 24, 2020 will expire on May 2, 2020 unless extended as allowed by law, and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida announced plans to “reopen” Florida, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County wishes to follow the directives issued by the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County imposed restrictions following the directives previously issued by the State of Florida which it now wishes to rescind to allow the reopening of the State as ordered by the Governor,

WHEREAS, Brevard County wishes to repeal or rescind the restriction imposed on beachside parks and parking contained in the Second Amendment to the Local State of Emergency dated March 18, 2020 in Paragraph 7 of the order and entitled, “Beachside park and Public Parking Access Closures”, and

WHEREAS, Brevard County still requires purchases for pandemic related items and responses and a waiver of various statutes continues to be needed as provided in the local state of emergency order,
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED this 1st day of May, 2020, that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to pose a serious threat to the health and lives of residents and guests of Brevard County and that the State of Local Emergency adopted on March 14, 2020 (first amended on March 16, 2020, second amendment on March 18, 2020) for all the territory within the legal boundaries of Brevard County, including all the unincorporated and incorporated areas, is hereby extended for seven (7) days effective on May 2, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and may be further extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments. The County Manager or his designee, Assistant County Manager Jim Liesenfelt is hereby authorized to execute further extensions of the State of Local Emergency as deemed necessary.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, through its designated Policy Group, hereby incorporates, restates and amends the Local State of Emergency Proclamation signed on March 14, 2020, first amended on March 16, 2020, and amended a second time on March 18, 2020 and the above WHEREAS clauses herein and hereby authorizes the exercise of its authority and powers pursuant to Florida Statutes 252.38(3)(a) and 252.38(5) and, effective on May 2, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., extends the State of Local Emergency for a period of 7 days. However, the restriction imposed on beachside parks and parking contained in the Second Amendment to the Local State of Emergency dated March 18, 2020 in Paragraph 7 of the order and entitled, “Beachside park and Public Parking Access Closures” is hereby rescinded and repealed effective immediately except for the public parking and public park areas adjacent to the beach renourishment project area which runs from the southern boundary of Patrick Air Force Base to the southern boundary of Spessard Holland Park in Melbourne Beach. From the southern boundary of Patrick Air Force Base to the southern boundary of Spessard Holland Park in Melbourne Beach the paragraph entitled “Beachside Park and Parking Access Closures” is rescinded effective at 12:01 am Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Any municipality in Brevard County, Florida may adopt parking restrictions in its jurisdiction.

Alterations or Rescission.
The declaration of a Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 1st day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

Joy Roth, Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREvard COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:
Rita Pritchett, Vice Chair