

**EIGHTH PROCLAMATION CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF STATE OF
GENERAL EMERGENCY
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) raised its assessment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") threat from high to very high and declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers 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 professionals, first responders, and emergency medical services professionals caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Citrus County has a duty 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, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a State of General Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Citrus County began implementing preparations to address the serious public health threat on February 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners met in Special, Emergency session on March 16, 2020 and declared a State of General Emergency within Citrus County; and

WHEREAS, On March 16, 2020, The Board of County Commissioners also voted to authorize the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to continue the Declaration of State of Emergency without convening the Board provided that it is permitted by state law; and

WHEREAS, After review by the County Attorney and addressed by Memo dated March 19, 2020, the Board's actions to authorize the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman to continue the Declaration of State of General Emergency are consistent with the statutory and code provisions in consideration of the unique circumstances of this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, The Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners executed a Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On March 30, 2020, the Chairman executed the Second Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on April 6, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2020, the Chairman executed the Third Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on April 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 13, 2020, the Chairman executed the Fourth Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 20, 2020, the Chairman executed the Fifth Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2020, the Chairman executed the Sixth Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which expired on May 4, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On May 4, 2020, the Chairman executed the Seventh Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency which will expire on May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, On May 8, 2020, Governor DeSantis executed Executive Order 20-114 extending Executive Order 20-52, finding that COVID-19 continues to pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the State of Florida and extending the State of Emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Citrus County Code Section 30-35, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolve, find, and declare:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. The Coronavirus Disease 2019, ("COVID-19") continues to pose a serious threat to the health of the citizens, residents, and guests of Citrus County.
3. The Board of County Commissioners voted in regular session to authorize the Chairman, or in his absence the Vice Chairman, to continue the Declaration of State of General Emergency in Citrus County, Florida effective for seven (7) days beginning upon the expiration of the Seventh Proclamation Continuing the Declaration of State of General Emergency on May 11, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. and ending at 11:30 a.m. on May 18, 2020.
3. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Citrus County pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

4. The County Administrator, or his designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers as are necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure health, safety, and welfare of the community, while under a Governor declared State of Emergency or a State of General Emergency, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

5. This authority shall extend only for the period of the State of General Emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the State of General Emergency has ended.

6. The County will recognize and adhere to directives and guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Florida Department of Health.

ATTEST: ANGELA WICK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: _____




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____

BRIAN J. COLEMAN
CHAIRMAN

Date: 11 MAY 2020

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

DENISE A. DYMOND LYN, COUNTY ATTORNEY