

**EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY  
EMERGENCY POLICY GROUP EXTENDING THE STATE OF  
LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED ON MARCH 12, 2020 IN RESPONSE  
TO A COUNTY WIDE THREAT FROM THE COVID-19 VIRUS**

Upon motion by \_\_\_\_\_ **Commissioner Kimberly Overman** \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by  
**Tampa Mayor Jane Castor** \_\_\_\_\_, the following Executive Order was adopted by a vote of  
8 to 0; \_\_\_\_\_ voting NO:

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Hillsborough County Emergency Policy Group issued an Executive Order declaring a local state of emergency for all of Hillsborough County due to the county wide threat from the COVID-19 virus, which order was extended by the Executive Policy Group on March 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida and Hillsborough County are continuing to experience increased reports of illnesses and persons testing positive for the virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51, declaring that a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Florida as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring that a state of emergency exists throughout the State of Florida as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its imminent threat to health and welfare of the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2020 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-68, placing restrictions on certain businesses and public gathering locations throughout the State of Florida as a result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and its imminent threat to health and welfare of the citizens of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, all three Executive Orders of the Governor remain in effect and are forecast to remain so for the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, there has been no indication that the spread of COVID-19 is slowing in the State of Florida and Hillsborough County; and

**WHEREAS**, Hillsborough County must continue to take emergency action to lessen the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Hillsborough County Ordinance 06-13

(Hillsborough County Code of Laws and Ordinances, Part A, Chapter 22, Article II, Sections 22-19 through 22-30), authorizes Hillsborough County to declare a state of local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, a local state of emergency declared under the authority of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Hillsborough County Ordinance 06-13 (Hillsborough County Code of Laws and Ordinances, Part A, Chapter 22, Article II, Sections 22-19 through 22-30), shall have a duration of no more than seven days, renewable for further periods of no more than seven days in each successive renewal period.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE EMERGENCY POLICY GROUP OF HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN A MEETING ASSEMBLED THIS 26<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2020 ISSUES THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER RESOLVING THAT:**

1. The said ongoing threat of COVID-19, poses a serious threat to the health and welfare of the people of Hillsborough County, Florida.
2. The Executive Order of the Emergency Policy Group declaring a local state of emergency on March 12, 2020, as extended on March 19, 2020, is hereby extended for another seven day period, effective immediately for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Hillsborough County.
3. All provisions and authorizations contained in the Executive Order of March 12, 2020 remain in effect and are made a part of this Order.
4. All Hillsborough County Administrator Orders issued pursuant to the Executive Order of March 12, 2020 are incorporated into, made a part of this Order, and are hereby extended for the term of this Order.
5. The State of Florida Executive Order 20-68 is hereby adopted and incorporated into this Executive Order.
6. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and shall remain in effect for seven days unless extended or rescinded.

STATE OF FLORIDA }

COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH }

I, **PAT FRANK**, Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing Executive Order is a true and correct copy of the Executive Order adopted by the Emergency Policy Group of Hillsborough County, Florida, in its special meeting of March 26, 2020.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this 27th day of March, 2020.

PAT FRANK  
Clerk of Circuit Court



By: *Miguel H. Diaz*  
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: *Jennie Granahan Tarr*  
Approved as to form and Legal Sufficiency