

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**



**PROCLAMATION DECLARING AND EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CONNECTION WITH COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, in his capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, issued Executive Order 20-51, directing the declaration of a public health emergency and establishing the State of Florida's response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General declared a public health emergency in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, Indian River County began making preparations to address COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, in his capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida by reason of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 101.10(1) of the Code of Indian River County, and Resolution 2019-55 of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator is authorized to declare a local state of emergency upon making a determination that a disaster has occurred or is imminent, requiring immediate and expeditious action,

**WHEREAS**, in my capacity as County Administrator, I determined that, by reason of COVID-19, the threat of a disaster had occurred or was imminent, requiring immediate and expeditious action, and declared that a local state of emergency existed in all of Indian River County, Florida, effective as of 8:00 a.m., on March 17, 2020; and

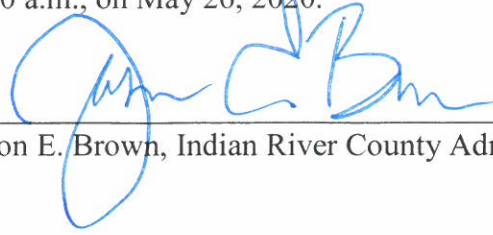
**WHEREAS**, in my capacity as County Administrator, I determined that, by reason of COVID-19, the threat of a disaster had occurred or was imminent, requiring immediate and expeditious action, and declared that a local state of emergency existed and continued to exist in all of Indian River County, Florida, effective as of 8:00 a.m., on March 24, March 31, April 7, April 14, April 21, and at 7:00 a.m. on April 28, May 5, May 12, and on May 19, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, as of May 26, 2020, Indian River County is still suffering the effects of COVID-19, which continue to pose a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Indian River County;

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**NOW, THEREFORE**, in my capacity as County Administrator, I hereby (1) determine that, by reason of COVID-19, the threat of a disaster has occurred, requiring immediate and expeditious action, and (2) declare that a local state of emergency exists and continues in all of Indian River County, Florida, effective as of 7:00 a.m., on May 26, 2020.



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