

**RESOLUTION # 2020-17**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
COVID-19  
Extension April 27, 2020 through MAY 4, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County, Florida on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, passed a resolution that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of the residents of Liberty County and that a Local State of Emergency was declared; and

**WHEREAS**, to extend the services identified in the original Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to be in the position to continue to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Liberty County, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be extended from April 27, 2020 and to remain in effect through May 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, which provides authority for a political subdivision such as Liberty County to declare a Local State of Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to shall remain in effect to provide the following:

- To appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victims of any emergency.
- To appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers.
- To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of the political subdivision, including the employees, property, or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services, police, transportation, construction, and similar items or services for emergency operation purposes, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision.
- The duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary, in 7-day increments. Further, the political subdivision has the power and authority to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to:
  - a. Taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure 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

**WHEREAS**, the entire United States is declared under a Presidential Emergency and due to the limited supplies available, Liberty County., Florida is authorizing leadership to waive stringent procurement policies for the safety and well-being of the citizens of Liberty County due to the magnitude of this emergency.

**NOW THEREFORE**, this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption, and shall remain in effect for seven days, dated this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2020.

LIBERTY COUNTY, BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



Dewayne Branch, Chairman

ATTEST:



Kathy Brown, Clerk of Court