

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - ZZ-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”).

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) continues to effect the citizenry of our nation, state and county; and

WHEREAS, under the current circumstances, it continues to be the duty of Suwannee County to take protective measures to protect and support the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners declared a local State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, which was extended on March 24th, March 30th, April 7 April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5 and again on May 19, 2020, to continue to deal with such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee County received confirmation of its first COVID-19 case on March 27, 2020 and the number of confirmed cases has continued to rise; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-91, mandating a statewide “stay-at-home” order for all Floridians required all Floridians to limit movements and all personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide “essential services” or conduct “essential activities”. The Executive Order followed the federal definition of “essential services” as well as those so defined in a number of Miami-Dade Emergency Orders. All of those services were defined in attachments to the Governor’s order. All other “non-essential” businesses were temporarily closed; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-112, extending certain provisions of previous executive orders and implementing a phased recovery for Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-120, extending certain provisions of Executive Order 2020-112 to other areas of the state and adding certain services persons may provide or obtain; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida to make, amend, and rescind such orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat. not inconsistent with State directives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 252.50, Fla Stat., any person violating any provision of the Governors’ Executive Order or any rule or order made pursuant to ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat., is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable, upon conviction, by a fine up to \$500, and/or by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, in special session, this 19th day of May, 2020, that:

1. The local State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect for an additional seven (7) days until May 26, 2020 unless terminated or modified earlier, or extended in accordance with law.
2. All provisions contained in the March 17th declaration and the extensions thereto are incorporated herein.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 19th day of May, 2020, time: 9:03 am.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 

Len Stapleton
Chairman

ATTEST

By: 

Barry Baker
Clerk

