

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-26  
EIGHTH EXTENSION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY  
IN ALACHUA COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO OPEN UP AMERICA**

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-51 declaring a public health emergency as the result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus spread Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a general state of emergency in all the counties of the State; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has declared a National State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Department of Health have issued several Orders and Directives regarding public safety and limiting public activities to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and these directives remain in force; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected and diagnosed cases in the State of Florida and specifically Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16<sup>th</sup> President Trump released the Plan for Opening Up America Again which establishes a phased approach to returning to a normal situation; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-112 which begins the phased reopening of Florida and has extended the state of emergency in Executive Order 20-114; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis, expanded the phased reopening of Florida in Executive Order 201-123; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Alachua County was issued on March 16<sup>th</sup> beginning at 1:04 p.m. which has been extended 8 times most recently in Order 2020-24; and,

WHEREAS, Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-25 implements the provisions of Executive Order 20-112, but the state of emergency has not been lifted by the Governor or Alachua County; and

SIXTH EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY  
IN ALACHUA COUNTY ORDER 2020-26

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County's Code §27.07.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27.07, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. The State of Emergency proclaimed on March 16th shall continue uninterrupted for 7 days beginning at May 18<sup>TH</sup> at 1:04 p.m. unless extended.
3. I intend to extend this order by one or more subsequent orders, through a date not earlier than May 25th, 2020.
4. All other provisions of the proclamation and orders entered pursuant to the proclamation shall remain in force until lifted or repealed.
5. In accordance with §252.46(2) this order shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Clerk of Courts for Alachua County.

Dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office