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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; and

WHEREAS, in his capacity as County Administrator, Jason E. Brown 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 his capacity as County Administrator, Jason E. Brown 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, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, and on July 14, 2020; and

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WHEREAS, as of July 21, 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; and

WHEREAS, per Resolution 2019-55 and Resolution 2020-54, County Administrator Jason E. Brown is authorized to appoint a designee to execute any and all necessary documents during his absence; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020, County Administrator Jason E. Brown, appointed me, Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator, as his designee to execute documents in his absence from July 17 to July 26, 2020,

NOW, THEREFORE, in my capacity as County Administrator Jason E. Brown's designee, I hereby (1) determine that, by reason of COVID-19, the threat of a disaster has occurred, requiring immediate and expeditious action, (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 July 21, 2020, and (3) Indian River County Emergency Order 2020-14, regarding restaurants and food establishments is hereby extended and remain in full force and effect through the duration of this declaration and extension.

Michael C. Zito, Assistant County Administrator

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