WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Orders pursuant to the State of Declared Emergency, that address actions as to activities within the State; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, The Board of County Commissioners declared a Local Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has extended, on a weekly basis, the local state of emergency and remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, the increase in COVID-19 positive numbers in Nassau County and the State of Florida causes concerns for activities that increase public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July commercial firework displays encourage and increase public gatherings; and

WHEREAS, based upon the concern for public health, commercial firework displays for the Fourth of July should be prohibited; and

WHEREAS, the Fourth of July commercial fireworks activities may be re-scheduled until the State and local emergencies are terminated.

NOW, THEREFORE, MICHAEL S. MULLIN, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Local State of Emergency and County Emergency Management Plan and with the consent of the Emergency Management Director, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Commercial displays of fireworks, as defined by Florida Statute §791.01, are prohibited during the local declared State of Emergency, including the Fourth of July, 2020.
Section 2. The fireworks prohibition does not pertain to private residential property.

Section 3. Fireworks are defined in Florida Statute §791.

Section 4. A violation of this Executive Order is considered to be a second-degree misdemeanor and subjects the violator to a $500.00 fine and/or up to sixty (60) days in jail.

Section 5. This Executive Order shall expire at the expiration of the declaration of the Local State of Emergency.

DATED this 27th day of June, 2020.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

MICHAEL S. MULLIN
County Manager

CONSENT:

/s/ Greg Foster

GREG FOSTER
Emergency Management Director