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**RESOLUTION # 2020 - 26**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL  
STATE OF EMERGENCY COVID-19**

**Extension May 23, 2020 through May 29, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, The Board of County Commissions of Holmes County, Florida on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020, passed a resolution that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of the residents of Holmes County and that a Local State of an Emergency was declared; and

**WHEREAS**, to extend 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 Holmes County, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be extended from May 23, 2020 and to remain in effect through May 29, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County is empowered by Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes to declare a state of local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has declared a global pandemic related to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as “high”, both in the United States and throughout the world; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida regarding the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, under current circumstances, certain people will have an increased risk of infection, for example healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the duty of Holmes County to take protective measures – including procurement of personal protective equipment, consequence management, and similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, The President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency for the Country to address the public health threat to the United States of America as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions within Holmes County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Holmes County resolves that it is necessary to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County declares a Local State of Emergency continues this 23rd day of May 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shall remain in effect for a period of seven(7) days and will be extended for seven day periods until the threat has passed.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, has caused this Resolution to be enacted and executed on this 23rd day of May, 2020.



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