MARTIN COUNTY CONTINUING
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 51.4.A., General Ordinances, Martin County Code, authorizes the County Administrator to declare a State of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined that a State of Local Emergency exists within Martin County; and

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, Martin County began implementing preparations to address the serious public health threat on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, directing 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, it is the duty of Martin County to take protective measures – including activation of the emergency operations center, 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, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control ("CDC") issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-68, directing bars, pubs, and nightclubs to suspend sale of alcoholic beverages for thirty days, directing parties accessing public beaches to follow the CDC guidance by limiting gatherings to no more than 10 persons, and directing restaurants to limit occupancy to 50% of the current building occupancy; and

WHEREAS, a threat of impact from COVID-19 exists throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a danger to life and the economic well-being of Martin County residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Martin County declared a local state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 efforts which was extended effective March 23, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective March 30, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective April 6, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective April 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective April 20, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective April 27, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective May 4, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective May 11, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective May 18, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective May 25, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective June 1, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective June 8, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective June 15, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective June 22, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective June 29, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective July 6, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective July 13, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective July 20, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective July 27, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective August 3, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective August 10, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective August 17, 2020 at 11:30 a.m., which was extended effective August 24, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. for a period of seven days; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38 (3)(a)5, Fla. Stat. provides authority for the County to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public works and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community, including but not limited to denying or revoking permits for public gatherings and/or cancelling mass gatherings taking place during the Local State of Emergency. A mass gathering is defined as 10 people or greater; however, this number is subject to amendment should the circumstances of the situation change;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

WHEREAS, the County Administrator has determined that a State of Local Emergency continues to exist within Martin County.

I, Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator do hereby exercise my authority and declare a State of Local Emergency for the next seven-day period, unless sooner rescinded, and waive the procedures and formalities as provided in Section 252.38 (3)(a)5, Fla. Stat. and Section 51.4.A, General Ordinances, Martin County Code, at 11:30am this 31st day of August, 2020.

Taryn Kryzda
County Administrator
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

Concurrence: Sally Waite
Emergency Management Director
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

Sarah W. Woods
County Attorney
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

This document may be reproduced upon request in an alternative format by contacting the County ADA Coordinator (772) 320-3131, the County Administration Office (772) 288-5400, Florida Relay 711, or by completing our accessibility feedback form at www.martin.fl.us/accessibility-feedback