

RESOLUTION NO. 2020 - 22-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”).

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) continues to effect the citizenry of our nation, state and county; and

WHEREAS, under the current circumstances, it continues to be the duty of Suwannee County to take protective measures to protect and support the public health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners declared a local State of Emergency on March 17, 2020, which was extended on March 24, March 30, April 7 April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26, June 2, June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, and again on July 21, 2020, to continue to deal with such circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Suwannee County received confirmation of its first COVID-19 case on March 27, 2020 and the number of confirmed cases has continued to rise; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-91, mandating a statewide “stay-at-home” order for all Floridians required all Floridians to limit movements and all personal interactions outside the home to only those necessary to obtain or provide “essential services” or conduct “essential activities” as defined by federal definition and defined in a number of Miami-Dade Emergency Orders incorporated into the Executive Order. All other “non-essential” businesses were temporarily closed; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-112, extending certain provisions of previous executive orders while creating and initiating Phase I of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida’s recovery; and

WHEREAS on May 14, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-123 bringing all Florida Counties into a full Phase 1 recovery mode; and

WHEREAS on June 3, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-139 initiating Phase 2 of the Step-by-Step Plan for Florida’s Recovery; and

WHEREAS on July 7, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-160, extending the state of emergency declared and extended in previous executive orders 2020-52 and 2020-114 and reaffirmed and extended Executive Order 2020-139 regarding Phase 2 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida’s recovery; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, authorizes and empowers the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida to make, amend, and rescind such orders and rules as are necessary for emergency management purposes

and to supplement the carrying out of the provisions of ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat. not inconsistent with State directives; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 252.50, Fla Stat., any person violating any provision of the Governors' Executive Order or any rule or order made pursuant to ss. 252.31-252.90, Fla. Stat., is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable, upon conviction, by a fine up to \$500, and/or by a definite term of imprisonment not exceeding 60 days.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Suwannee County, Florida, in special session, this 28th day of July, 2020, that:

1. The local State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect for an additional seven (7) days until August 4, 2020 unless terminated or modified earlier, or extended in accordance with law.
2. All provisions contained in the March 17th declaration and the extensions thereto are incorporated herein.

DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 28th day of July, 2020, time: 5:03 am/pm.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 

Len Stapleton
Chairman

ATTEST

By: 

Barry Baker
Clerk

