

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-48
TWENTY-SEVENTH EXTENSION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
IN ALACHUA COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO OPEN UP AMERICA**

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-51 declaring a public health emergency as the result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus spread Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a general state of emergency in all the counties of the State; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Department of Health have issued several Orders and Directives regarding public safety and limiting public activities to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and these directives remain in force; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected and diagnosed cases in the State of Florida and specifically Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16th President Trump released the Plan for Opening Up America Again which establishes a phased approach to returning to a normal situation; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-112 which began the phased reopening of Florida and has extended the state of emergency in Executive Order 20-114 and Executive Order 20-166 which shall expire on October 7th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Alachua County was issued on March 16th beginning at 1:04 p.m. which has been extended multiple times most recently in Order 2020-46; and,

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-139 implementing “Phase 2 Recovery” but has not yet lifted the statewide state of emergency; and,

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WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has amended Executive Order 20-139 through the provisions of Executive Order 20-244: and,

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-244 largely eviscerates the authority of local government to take certain actions necessary for the public welfare and enforce local and state law regarding the violation of emergency orders; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-30, as amended, implements the provisions of Executive Order 20-139, as amended, with local modifications; but in large part has been preempted by Executive Order 20-244; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County's Code §27.07.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27.07, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. The State of Emergency proclaimed on March 16th shall continue uninterrupted for 7 days beginning at September 28th at 1:04 p.m.
3. I intend to extend this order as warranted by in no case earlier than October 5th, 2020.
4. All other provisions of the proclamation and orders entered pursuant to the proclamation and state of emergency shall remain in force until lifted, repealed or preempted.
5. In accordance with §252.46(2) this order shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Clerk of Courts for Alachua County.

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Dated this 28th day of September, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office