

RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management recognizes the danger to residents of Florida from the COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus) throughout the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Franklin County began emergency protective actions for this response on March 09, 2020.

WHEREAS, Franklin County and the jurisdictions within the County have an abundance of travelers passing through, along with residents; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus) has the potential for causing extensive health impacts to the residents and visitors of Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38 (3) (5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Franklin County to declare a Local State of Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of Franklin County Health Department and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
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; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
9. Provide and/or receive mutual aid as requested

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESLOVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Franklin County, Florida in this 24th day of August, 2020, that COVID-19 (Novel Corona Virus) poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Franklin County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared, effective immediately for all the territory within the legal boundaries of Franklin County, including, that all unincorporated and incorporated areas shall be embraced by the provisions of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority under Chapter 252.38 (3) (5), Florida Statutes, and Franklin County Charter.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FRANKLIN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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