

EXTENSION NO. 30

**OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a State of Emergency for every county in Florida, including Okaloosa County for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 20-37 declaring a local state of emergency (“Declaration”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 252.38, Florida Statutes, the limitation of an emergency declaration is seven (7) days, which may be extended in seven (7) day increments as necessary; and

WHEREAS, conditions continue to exist requiring the continued extension of the initial Declaration; and

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, “State of Florida Emergency Management Act” and Okaloosa County Ordinance No. 91-23, as amended, is authorized to find and declare a “Local State of Emergency” in Okaloosa County and exercise those powers conferred by Chapter 252; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and section 9-42 of the Okaloosa County Code, in the absence of a decision made by a quorum of the Board the Chairman is empowered to declare a local state of emergency and extend same.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and incorporated into this Resolution as if set forth in its entirety.
2. A state of local emergency continues to exist within Okaloosa County due to the effects of COVID-19.

3. The initial declared "Local State of Emergency" signed on March 17, 2020 is hereby extended for a period of seven (7) days.

4. As a result of this extension, the Declaration extends continuously from March 17, 2020 through October 20, 2020, inclusive.

5. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this 13th day of October, 2020.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OKALOOSA COUNTY**

By: 

Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin III, Chairman

ATTEST:

J. D. Peacock, II, Clerk