

**EXTENSION OF RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19 – CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019**

RESOLUTION NO. 2020- 02

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Hamilton County, Florida (hereafter “Board”) has heretofore adopted Resolution No. 2020-01 dated March 17, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions as covered by Resolution No. 2020-01, continue and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2020-01 shall be continued for an additional 7 days in accordance with Florida Statutes 252.38(3), now therefore


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the said Board:

1. Said Resolution No. 2020-01 is hereby continued for an additional 7 days being until April 1, 2020, unless extended prior to that time for an additional seven days.
2. Such State of Emergency is declared as provided by Sections 252.31 through 252.62, Florida Statutes, the County’s home rule powers and Hamilton County’s Comprehensive Emergency Management plan, and shall remain in effect until all threat and effects are passed.


Done at Jasper, Hamilton County, Florida this 25th day of March, 2020.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA



Ex-Officio Clerk, Greg Godwin

By  _____
Robert Brown, Chairman

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01 -

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on February 29, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout China and to 67 other countries and territories, including 62 cases within the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United states of America; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron De Santis issued Executive order 20-51, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a public health emergency be declared in the State of Florida ; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, by virtue of the Governor's Executive Order 20-51 and Section 381.00315, Florida Statutes, issued a Declaration of Public Health emergency declaring that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency management to activate the State Emergency Operation Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron De Sant is issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida to address the public health emergency caused by the threat of COVID-10 to the state; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, thirty-eight individuals in the state of have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, nineteen counties in Florida, have positive cases for COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, COVID – 19 is a threat to the public health of Hamilton County residents, workers, and visitors, and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that "safeguarding the life and property of [the County's] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state" and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in a position to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Hamilton County and the State of Florida for the duration of the declared public health emergency, it is necessary that a declaration of local emergency be declared on this day March 17, 2020, and shall remain in effect though on March 24, 2020, (seven days) unless extended prior to that time for an additional seven days.

NOW THEREFORE,

1. Pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 252.31 through 252.62, Florida Statutes, the County's home rule powers and Hamilton County 's Comprehensive Emergency Management plan, a declaration of local emergency is declared on March 17, 2020, and shall remain in effect through March 24, 2020, (seven days) unless extended prior to that time by me for an additional seven days.
2. The Hamilton County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is activated and the utilization of the emergency powers under Sections 252.31 through 252.62, Florida statutes, is authorized.


DATED THIS 17 DAY OF March 2020, in Hamilton County, Florida, effective on March 17, 2020

Attest:

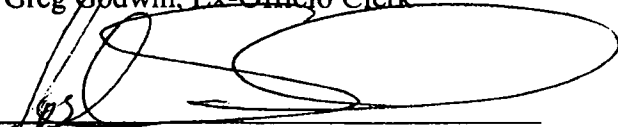
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HAMILTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Greg Godwin, Ex-Officio Clerk

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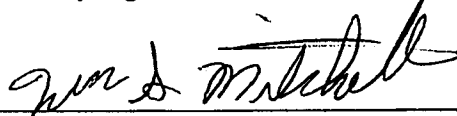
~~Robert Brown, Chairman~~
Randy Ogburn



Josh Smith, Member

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Beth Burnam, Member



William Mitchell, Member