



PROCLAMATION

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

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy, Japan and South Korea, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Florida 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 7, 2020, Governor Ron Desantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, using of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures for communities experiencing an outbreak including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick, limiting face-to-face contact with others as much as possible, consulting with your healthcare provider if individuals or members of a household are at high risk for COVID-19 complications, wearing a facemask if advised to do so by a healthcare provider or by a public health official, staying home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, the health safety and welfare of the City of Palm Coast residents, business, and visitors and staff is of the utmost importance to the City and additional future measures may be needed to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, provides authority for local governments, such as the City of Palm Coast, to take actions in emergency situations and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to: performing of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; entering into contracts; incurring obligations; employing of permanent and temporary workers; utilizing

of volunteer workers; renting equipment; acquiring and distributing, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and appropriating and expending of public funds.

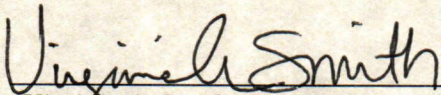
WHEREAS, Section IV City Council "(4) Powers and duties of the Mayor (a) Powers. In addition to the regular powers invested in any other Council member, the Mayor shall: be recognized by the governor for purposes of military law; have the power to declare an emergency situation; ..."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, by the City of Palm Coast Mayor and the City Council

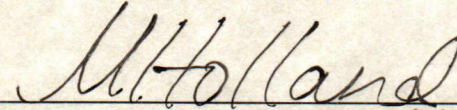
1. I, Milissa Holland, Mayor of the City of Palm Coast, do hereby find that the circumstances set forth above do indeed exist, and that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the safety and lives of the residents of the City of Palm Coast.
2. The City Manager is hereby delegated the power and authority to take all actions necessary to address the emergency situations that may arise as a result of COVID-19 in accordance with the provisions of State law and any emergency management procedures that may have been adopted by the City, as well as by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
3. This proclamation shall become effective immediately upon its execution and shall terminate automatically within 7 days unless otherwise terminated or extended.

Signed this ~~15~~^{15th} day of March, 2020.

Attest:


Virginia A. Smith, City Clerk

CITY OF PALM COAST, FLORIDA


Milissa Holland, Mayor

