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TO: SERGIO VELAZQUEZ, CHIEF
HIALEAH POLICE DEPARTMENT

DATE: April 9, 2020

TIME: 11:45 Am

FROM: [Signature]
MAYOR CARLOS HERNANDEZ

ATTEST: [Signature]
MARBELYS FATJO, CITY CLERK

EMERGENCY ORDER REQUIRING ALL PERSONS TO COVER NOSE AND MOUTH IN PUBLIC IN THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to study the spread and effects of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, recent studies have shown that a significant percentage of persons who are infected with the virus are asymptomatic;

WHEREAS, asymptomatic individuals can transmit the virus through bodily fluids secreted when speaking, coughing, and sneezing when in close contact with others; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to continue to stop the spread of the virus the CDC now recommends that individuals use face coverings in public where it is difficult to observe the recommended distancing measures between people, such as in pharmacies, groceries and food service business establishments; and

WHEREAS, in response to the new guidelines, many cities in Miami-Dade and Broward County have issued emergency orders requiring individuals use cloth face coverings; and

WHEREAS, on April 4, 2020, Miami-Dade County issued Emergency Order 19-20 encouraging the use of cloth masks; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of the State and County Emergency Orders are minimum standards and municipalities may impose stricter standards;

WHEREAS, the highest risk of exposure and infection by COVID-19 is precisely in close person to person contact;

WHEREAS, we remain in a state of emergency at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, the City continues to take action to slow the spread and reduce the impact of the disease to protect its residents;

THEREFORE, in response to the impending risk to the life, health, safety and welfare posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to our citizenry and pursuant to the authority set forth in Florida Statutes §252.38 and in furtherance of all national, state, county and local emergency orders issued to date;

In order to safeguard the life, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Hialeah;
and

In an attempt to slow the spread and mitigate the potential impact of Coronavirus Disease;

EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, I HEREBY ORDER:

1. All employees, contractors, operators, or agents of essential services business establishments permitted to remain open pursuant to Governor DeSantis's Executive Order 20-91 and 20-89 and Miami-Dade County Emergency Order 07-20, as amended, must cover their nose and mouth with a mask when the performance of their employment duties or business activities in providing an essential service to the public involves person-to-person contact with the public and a minimum six-foot distance cannot be maintained.

2. All individuals must cover their nose and mouth with a mask when seeking or obtaining essential services where the service involves person-to-person contact with an employee, contractor, operator or agent of the essential services business establishment or the general public and a minimum six-foot distance cannot be maintained.

3. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1 and 2, all individuals must cover their nose and mouth with a mask in restaurants, food service business establishments, pharmacies, supermarkets, groceries and all other essential retail business establishments that sell to the general public (a) human food, animal/pet food, pet supplies or beverage products; (b) hardware or building materials, consumer electronics, technology or appliances, telecommunication devices; or (c) office supplies or products.

4. All individuals when engaging in essential activities, as defined by Executive Order 20-91, in public must cover their nose and mouth with a mask.

5. A mask required by this Order may be homemade of cloth as recommended by the CDC. All CDC guidelines on COVID-19 can be accessed at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

6. All essential retail and commercial establishments are strongly encouraged to implement policies for employees to use personal protective equipment such as gloves, subject to the availability of such items.

7. This Order shall not be interpreted to restrict any employee or customer from accessing any essential retail or commercial establishment to address any emergency or other exigent

circumstance, even if a mask is not readily available at the time such emergency or other exigent circumstance occurs.

8. This Emergency Order shall be strictly adhered to at all times while the City's declaration of emergency remains in effect and enforceable pursuant to Florida law.

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