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**NINTH EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 BY
THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS
POSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID19)
(COVID-19-COH-EO-18)**

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida as a result of the threat of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, County Mayor Carlos Gimenez also declared a countywide state of emergency in response to the first reported case of coronavirus infection in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, since the initial declarations of emergency and during a period of approximately two months, our communities were governed by a series of restrictions limiting our movements, implementing social distancing, mandating the use of personal protective equipment, and closing our economy except for essential services, in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19 and prevent the demands on our health system from causing it to fail, both which would lead to an increased number of deaths; and

WHEREAS, while the closure orders and stay at home orders worked to effectively reduce the spread of the virus, allowed for more expansive testing and the mounting of improved and better equipped response from our health care providers, the orders had a deleterious effect on our economy leading many to question whether the remedy was worse than the ailment; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the President of the United States unveiled guidelines to Open Up America Again on a phased approach based upon specific criteria to evaluate the continuing risks posed by COVID-19 to aspects of social life which have been shut down; and

WHEREAS, the guidelines suggest that if within a 14-day period the number of new infections and positive tests of COVID19 and influenza-like or COVID10-like cases are on a downward trajectory, hospitals are treating all patients without crisis care and frontline health-care workers are able to get tested, then certain aspects of social life and the economy can be reopened on a phased approach subject to the availability of robust testing, observance of social distancing and healthcare system capacity; and

WHEREAS, since my execution of the Eighth Extension to Emergency Order issued Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:23 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020, for the City of Hialeah, both the State and the County have formulated a phased plan to reopening our economy and our society;

WHEREAS, On May 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-114 extending the State declaration of emergency for an additional 60 days;

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-112 reopening non-essential services and lifting the stay-at home order across the State of Florida except Palm Beach, Broward and Miami-Dade Counties according to the Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step Plan for Florida's Recovery; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-122 lifting the restrictions on Miami-Dade County and authorized the Phase 1 reopening of the County and further issued Executive Order 20-123 bringing all counties in the State under Phase 1 reopening as of May 18, 2020, subject to the operational guidelines and building occupancy restrictions set forth in those orders; and

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2020 Mayor Carlos Gimenez unveiled the County's New Normal Handbook setting forth comprehensive guidelines to be followed by residents and commercial establishments to help our society adapt to the continued presence of COVID-19 in our lives and be best positioned to kick-start our economy and resume social interactions, despite the risks posed by COVID-19;

WHEREAS, On May 15, 2020 Mayor Carlos Gimenez issued Emergency Order 23-20 reopening, with few exceptions, every retail and commercial establishment for business as of Monday, May 18, 2020 subject to general and industry specific safety guidelines outlined in the New Normal Handbook and Governor DeSantis's occupancy restrictions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency for a limited duration, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) requires extraordinary and immediate actions by the City of Hialeah in order to maintain order and protect the life, health, safety and welfare of the public;

THEREFORE, in response to impending risk to the life, health, safety and welfare posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 252.38 and in furtherance of all national, state and county 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;

I HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT:

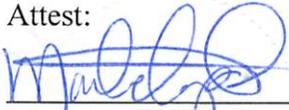
1. A state of local emergency continues to exist in the City of Hialeah, Florida. The initial declaration of emergency made on March 16, 2020, as extended through May 25, 2020 is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) days.
2. Consistent with all State Executive Orders and the SAFER AT HOME protocols promulgated by Miami-Dade County, the emergency management powers as provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the City Charter, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah I

invoke the power to take whatever reasonable prudent actions and issue any and all orders as are necessary within the City of Hialeah to protect the life, health, safety, and welfare of the community and to carry out the provisions of Florida Statutes Sections 252.31 through and including 252.90.

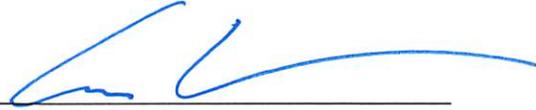
3. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect for seven (7) days from the date it is executed or until cancelled, whichever event occurs first.

ORDERED this 18 day of May, 2020 at 11:00 a.m./ p.m.

Attest:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez

In the absence of the Clerk, this Order is signed in the presence of the following witnesses:

Signature _____ Date _____
Name: _____

Signature _____ Date _____
Name: _____

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