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City of Hialeah

**EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 BY THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2020
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS
POSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID19)
(COVID-19-COH-EO-53)**

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 the declaration having been extended through Executive Order Numbers 20-114, 20-166, 20-213 and again for 60 days on November 3, 2020 through Executive Order Number 20-276; 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 newly elected County Mayor Daniella Levine-Cava continues to extend the County's declaration of emergency as required by law; and

WHEREAS, since the execution of the Thirty-ninth Extension to Emergency Order issued Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:23 a.m., for the City of Hialeah, daily deaths from COVID-19 are occurring on a national level at an average of 3,000 each day; and

WHEREAS, western Europe has closed its borders to U.K. citizens in response to the viral spread of a mutation of the virus which appears to be over 70% more contagious causing the prime minister to enact strict closure measures for London;

WHEREAS, Florida is the third state in the union with the highest number of COVID-19 cases at 1.14 million cases trailing California and Texas; and

WHEREAS, although we have reached an unprecedented number of daily positive cases in the State and nationwide, the nation prepares to unroll a national vaccination program having approved on an emergency basis the manufacture and distribution of a vaccine by Pfizer and another vaccine by Moderna; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the existence of efficacious vaccines and planned mass vaccination, until such time as we begin vaccinating first responders, front-line medical personnel, teachers, and the elderly, we continue to remain at serious risk to health or life from COVID-19; 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 based on the continuing threat to the health and life of the residents of the City of Hialeah posed by COVID-19. The initial declaration of emergency made on March 16, 2020 as extended through December 21, 2020, is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) days until December 28, 2020.
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 all legal powers 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 21 day of December, 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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