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**EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY ORDER ISSUED MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2020 BY THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA THROUGH FEBRUARY 8, 2021
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS
POSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID19)
(COVID-19-COH-EO-60)**

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, 20-276 and again for 60 days on December 29, 2020 through Executive Order Number 20-316; 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 successor 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 last seven-day Extension to Emergency Order issued Monday, March 16, 2020 at 10:23 a.m., for the City of Hialeah, the national vaccination program has been bottlenecked failing to provide sufficient doses to reach high-risk groups reaching only 5% to 6% of the U.S. population at best; and

WHEREAS, after a year or so from the first incidence of the Coronavirus in China, world deaths have hit 4 million and surpassed 400,000 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. leads the world in the number of positive cases and deaths from COVID, surpassing India; and

WHEREAS, Miami-Dade County continues to lead the State with the highest number of positive cases and deaths; and

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

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the existence of efficacious vaccines and planned mass vaccination, because of the lack of readily available doses for even the most at-risk Americans, we continue to remain at serious risk to health or life from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, there are at least two known variants of the virus which, although not more lethal, are more contagious; and

WHEREAS, the U.K. variant has already been detected in 21 states including Florida and it is forecasted to become the country's dominant strain by March 2021; 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 February 1, 2021, is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) days until February 8, 2021.
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 1st day of February, 2021 at 12:30 a.m. p.m.

Attest:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez