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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 APRIL 26, 2021  
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS  
POSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID19)  
(COVID-19-COH-EO-71)**

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, 20-316 and again for 60 days on February 26, 2020 through Executive Order Number 21-45; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the County also declared a countywide state of emergency in response to the first reported case of coronavirus infection in Miami-Dade County and 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 number of positive cases is ticking upward causing concern among public health authorities of a fourth wave of virus infections and deaths; and

WHEREAS, public health officials also express concern about the confluence of certain events that may prevent the nation from reaching herd immunity, such as the rescission of mask mandates and public mass gatherings, the viral mutation and the refusal of a percentage of the population to vaccinate; and

WHEREAS, the slow-paced roll out of vaccines in Europe has caused an uptick in positive cases and new shut downs; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. continues to lead the world in deaths from COVID reaching almost 600,000 as of April 19, 2021; and

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

WHEREAS, Florida remains as one of the top states in the union with the highest number of COVID-19 cases including states in the northeast such as Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Connecticut and Maine; and

WHEREAS, there are several known variants of the virus identified in the U.S. which, although not more lethal, are more contagious, and of particular concern is the UK variant; and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the existence of efficacious vaccines, a reduction in positivity rate of new COVID19 infections and an increase in the percent of the population being vaccinated, including younger adults, our failure to reach herd immunity and the prevalence of numerous variants of the virus elusive to effective treatment from the vaccines continue to place us 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

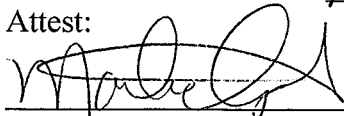
In an attempt to slow the spread and mitigate the potential impact of Coronavirus Disease;

I HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE THAT:

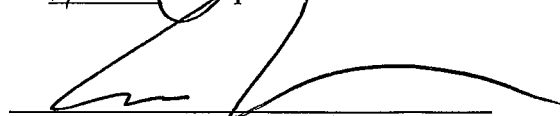
1. A state of local emergency continues to exist in the City of Hialeah, Florida based on the continuing threat to the health and life of the residents of the City of Hialeah posed by COVID-19. The initial declaration of emergency made on March 16, 2020 as extended through April 19, 2021, is hereby extended by this order as provided by law for an additional seven (7) days until April 26, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021 at 11:00 (a.m.) p.m.

Attest:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez