

RESOLUTION NO. 21 - _____
ORDER EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus and the respiratory disease it causes (“COVID-19”), is a pandemic that constitutes an ongoing Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully and effectively respond to the developing threats posed by the novel coronavirus and its associated disease (COVID-19), and in coordination with ongoing emergency actions by the state and federal governments, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (Board) passed Resolution 20-16 declaring a state of local emergency in Pinellas County (Resolution), and subsequently extensions and orders have been issued continuing the state of local emergency based on ongoing local threats and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, because the local trends in the facts and circumstances surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic have not substantially improved, and in order to support and accomplish the public health goals required by the response to COVID-19 and to implement the guidance of the CDC as fully as possible, an order extending the state of local emergency in Pinellas County is necessary; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Pinellas County to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes, and Pinellas County Charter section 2.04 (k), the County has jurisdictional authority over the entire county for emergency management purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, this 11th day of May 2021:

- 1) That based on the facts and circumstances as outlined above there exists a legal and factual basis for the County to remain under a State of Local Emergency until 3:00 P.M. Friday May 21, 2021 and the State of Local Emergency is hereby extended until such time.

Effective Date; Duration.

This Order is effective immediately upon filing with the Clerk of the Circuit Court.

This Order applies to incorporated and unincorporated areas within Pinellas County, but has no application outside of Pinellas County.

This order and prior resolutions and emergency orders remain in force and effect unless modified or superseded.

Commissioner _____ offered the foregoing Resolution and moved its adoption, which was seconded by Commissioner _____, and upon roll call the vote was:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: 
Office of the County Attorney