

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - _____

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 passed Resolution 20-16 (Resolution) declaring a local state of emergency in Pinellas County (LSE); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38(3)(a)(5) such declarations are limited to a duration of 7 days, after which they may be extended for additional periods of 7 days, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, in the time since the Resolution was passed, the number of cases within Pinellas County as well as surrounding areas continues to rise, presenting an on-going and escalating threat to the public health, welfare, and safety, and accordingly, consistent with guidance from the Department of Health, the Board has found it necessary to extend the LSE; and

WHEREAS, the threat to the public health posed by COVID-19 presently continues to require dynamic emergency response, including the maintenance of existing orders and the ability to impose additional orders as conditions require; and

WHEREAS, current public health recommendations include the cancellation of public gatherings of greater than 10 people, and therefore public meetings of the Board of County Commissioners would create conditions contrary to existing guidance for hazard mitigation; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 34 of the Pinellas County Code sets forth provisions for the designation of an official authority, as well as to ensure the readiness of Pinellas County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the people of Pinellas County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, Florida, this ____ day of _____ 2020:

1.) That in accordance with existing public health guidance applicable to gatherings of 10 or more people, and pursuant to the process for the designation of the official authority as set out in Pinellas County Code Section 34-27, subsequent extensions of the emergency Resolution, as they may be necessary, are to be executed by the chairperson or County Administrator.

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:

[time]

Or, in the absence of a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners, and in accordance with Pinellas County Code Section 34-27:

Ordered this _____ day of _____ 2020, at _____ a.m./p.m.

Official Authority

Donald S. Crowell, Chief Asst. County Attorney: APPROVED AS TO FORM