

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF CORAL  
SPRINGS, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has been reported in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, there are reported cases of COVID-19 within Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coral Springs is situated within Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the people of Coral Springs are threatened by COVID-19 because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations Emergency Committee declared the COVID-19 outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern;" and

WHEREAS, the United State Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") is predicting that it is "likely" that "widespread transmission" of COVID-19 will occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, no vaccine exists to combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 2020-52 which declared a State of Emergency for the State of Florida due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 2020-52 states that COVID-19 "poses a risk to the entire state of Florida;" and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry declared a state of Emergency in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Section 19-3(a) of the Code of the City of Coral Springs provides that, "[t]he mayor, vice mayor (in the event of unavailability of the mayor), city manager (in the event of unavailability of the mayor and vice mayor), or the acting city manager (in the event of unavailability of the mayor, vice mayor, and city manager) shall have the authority to declare a state of emergency;" and

WHEREAS, the Mayor or their alternate may exercise emergency powers enumerated in Florida's Emergency Management Act relating to City government or exercise any emergency power authorized by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor or their alternate may exercise emergency powers enumerated in Chapter 19 of the Code of the City of Coral Springs; and

WHEREAS, it is the innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state of Florida to safeguard the life and property of its residents; and

WHEREAS, there is a public health emergency resulting from COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, special equipment, personnel, and other resources are needed in order to ensure that timely measures are taken for the protection of lives and property in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor finds and determines that it is necessary to ensure that preparations of this City will be adequate to deal with and recover from this emergency; now, therefore

**BE IT DECLARED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:**

**That, due to the foregoing conditions, I hereby declare a local STATE OF EMERGENCY exists in the City of Coral Springs effective at 8:07 am on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

**Effective immediately we will be evaluating/suspending permits, events, activities or groups on an as needed basis.**

**Pursuant to Section 19-3 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the City's procurement code is hereby waived. Emergency procurement is hereby authorized to the signed by the City Manager.**

**The City Manager is hereby designated as the City Official authorized to issue emergency orders pursuant to Section 19-3(d) of the City's Code of Ordinances.**

**This Declaration of Emergency shall continue in effect from day to day until declared to be terminated. This Declaration of Emergency and all emergency orders**

**and regulations enacted or rescinded shall be confirmed by the City Commission at the next regularly scheduled meeting, unless the nature of the emergency renders a meet of the City Commission impractical.**

DATED THIS 13 day of March 2020.

CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA

  
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SCOTT BROOK, Mayor

