



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH,
FLORIDA, DECLARING A CIVIL EMERGENCY/STATE OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY.**

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, on March 1, 2020, Executive Order 20-51 was rendered by Governor Ron DeSantis, directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 Governor DeSantis declared a State of Emergency in the State of Florida due to the effects of COVID-19 via Executive Order 20-52; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued the 15 Days to Slow the Spread guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as working from home and avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people; and


WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, the Town Commission approved of the Mayor exercising his power under Chapter 16 of the Town of Melbourne Beach Code of Ordinances to declare a civil emergency and a state of local emergency pursuant to the home rule powers of the Town and the authority of Executive Order 20-52;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JAMES D. SIMMONS, as Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida, by the virtue of the authority vested in me, hereby declare the existence of a CIVIL EMERGENCY/STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY in the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Town of Melbourne Beach Code of Ordinances, the general home rule powers of the Town, and the authority of Executive Order 20-52. This declaration of CIVIL EMERGENCY/STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY shall remain in effect until the expiration of Executive Order 20-52 or until rescinded by the Mayor or subsequent vote of the Town Commission. To the extent that this Proclamation is interpreted to constitute a declaration of a state of local emergency pursuant to Fla. Stat. Sec. 252.38 (3)(a)5, the Town Manager is vested the authority to extend the duration of said emergency for successive seven (7) day increments, but may not cancel the same.

Dated this 18th day of March, 2020 at 9:06P.M.


James D. Simmons, Mayor

ATTEST


Jennifer Torres
Interim Town Clerk