

GULF COUNTY LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (3/18/20)

WHEREAS, Emergency conditions exist and are anticipated due to the effects of the **COVID-19 Pandemic** and,

WHEREAS, a national state of emergency has been declared in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic and pursuant to the federal public health and safety agencies under President Trump's direction as well as the state emergency declaration and actions since taken by Governor DeSantis, Gulf County seeks to immediately enact those emergency and protective measures for Gulf County; and

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been created pursuant to the authority and jurisdiction created under Florida Statute 252.38 and consistent with the state comprehensive emergency management plan whereby preserving the local authority, right and obligation to provide effective and orderly governmental control and coordination of emergency operations ; and,

WHEREAS, the Gulf County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan has been activated for the event herein stated above pursuant to the "Local State of Emergency Proclamation" and authorization issued by the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners (the Board) thereby issuing themselves, the Gulf County Emergency Management Director ("Director") and their representatives the power, authorities and duties to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people and property of Gulf County; and,

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 252.38 provides for the waiver by the Board of procedures and formalities otherwise required of Gulf County under the circumstance of a Local State of Emergency; and,

WHEREAS, there is necessity for a prompt and efficient response and recovery in order to safeguard lives and property affected by the emergency and/or disaster including but not limited to the engagement and contracting of third party vendors for protection and preservation of Gulf County life and property subject to the waivers and authority stated herein above; and,

WHEREAS, the authority and instructions provided by this Board shall include to direct all local and jurisdictional agencies under this County to place any and all available resources under the authority of the Director and or County Administrator as needed to meet this emergency.


NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Florida Statute, Section 252.38, the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners issues and declares a State of Local Emergency for Gulf County, Florida issued this 18th day of March, 2020 at 9:00AM ET and continues in effect for seven (7) days from this date hereof; and thereafter pursuant to the directives of both federal and state authorities banning congregations of individuals (for public health and safety measures) in the initial phases of the pandemic and this declaration is authorized by this Commission for extension(s) beyond the initial period

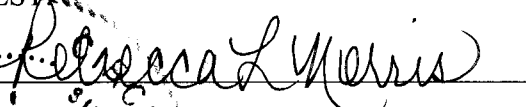
subject to the review and mutual consent and approval of the Gulf County Chairman to the Commission and Gulf County Administrator beyond the date stated herein. Any person not abiding by this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree and subject to penalties established under Section 252.50, F.S. and/or any other portion(s) of Florida Statutes.

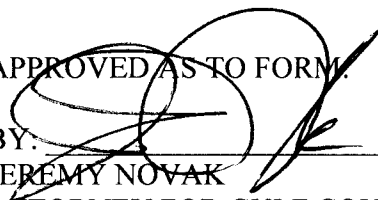
DONE this 18th day of March, 2020 at 9:00AM ET

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BY: 
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