

COUNTY OF HENDRY, STATE OF FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants and visitors in Hendry County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida entered Executive Order No. 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America issued a Proclamation declaring a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Hendry County began emergency protective measures in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, after due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Hendry County Code Section 1-2-52, in the event a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be convened, the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a local state of emergency, and, in his/her absence, other persons are authorized to declare such an emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Hendry County Code Section 1-2-55, I hereby proclaim, find, and declare:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. I am the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida.

3. A local state of emergency hereby exists in Hendry County, Florida, effective beginning March 19, 2020, at 4:28p.m., for seven days, until March 26, 2020, at 4:28p.m., subject to extension in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38(3)(a)5. The County's disaster emergency plans are hereby activated.

4. Hendry County staff are authorized to carry out all of the emergency powers, as necessary, set out in Florida Statute 252.38(3) and Hendry County Code Sections 1-2-56, 1-2-58, 1-2-59 and 1-2-60. Hendry County staff are further authorized to carry out any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

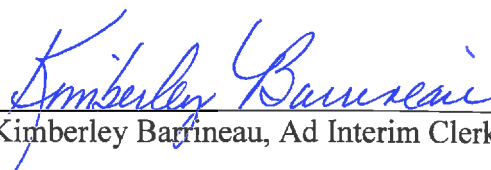
5. This authority shall extend only for the period of the local state of emergency, as declared herein, or until further action by an authorized person declares that the local state of emergency has ended or that the local state of emergency should be extended.

DONE AND ADOPTED THIS 19th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Mitchell Wills, Chairman

Filed with the Hendry County Clerk of the Circuit Court this 19 day of March, 2020, at 4:28pm.


Kimberley Barrineau, Ad Interim Clerk of Court

