

EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-54
THIRTY SECOND EXTENSION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
IN ALACHUA COUNTY AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PLAN TO OPEN UP AMERICA

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-51 declaring a public health emergency as the result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus spread Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a general state of emergency in all the counties of the State; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has declared a National State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor and the Department of Health have issued several Orders and Directives regarding public safety and limiting public activities to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus and these directives remain in force; and

WHEREAS, the number of suspected and diagnosed cases in the State of Florida and specifically Alachua County continue to climb; and,

WHEREAS, on April 16th President Trump released the Plan for Opening Up America Again which establishes a phased approach to returning to a normal situation; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-112 which began the phased reopening of Florida and has extended the state of emergency in Executive Order 20-114 and Executive Order 20-213 which shall expire on November 4th, 2020; and

WHEREAS, a Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency in Alachua County was issued on March 16th beginning at 1:04 p.m. which has been extended multiple times most recently in Order 2020-53; and,

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-244 implementing essentially moving the State into Phase 3, but has not yet lifted the statewide state of emergency; and,

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WHEREAS, Alachua County Emergency Order 2020-50, as amended, supplements the provisions of Executive Order 20-244, as amended, with local modifications however, collection of fines against individuals have been suspended by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commission is the Official Authority as prescribed in the County's Code §27.07; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27.07, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners sitting as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. The State of Emergency proclaimed on March 16th shall continue uninterrupted for 7 days beginning on November 2nd. at 1:04 p.m.
3. I intend to extend this order as warranted by circumstances but in no case earlier than November 9th 2020.
4. All other provisions of the proclamation and orders entered pursuant to the proclamation and state of emergency shall remain in force until lifted, repealed or preempted.
5. In accordance with §252.46(2) this order shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Clerk of Courts for Alachua County.

Dated this 2nd day of November 2020 at 12:35 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Hutchinson, Chair

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney's Office