

Proclamation

of

Emergency Curfew

WHEREAS, on Thursday, March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, proclaimed and declared the existence of a City-wide “**STATE OF EMERGENCY**” and authorized that all proper and lawful actions necessary to swiftly resolve the emergency and return the City to a condition of normalcy shall be taken; and

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

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 on Monday, March 9, 2020 declaring a state of emergency statewide, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to . . . [the] [p]erformance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek is threatened by COVID-19 because of the extraordinary ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-

19 thereby constitutes a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Coconut Creek; and

WHEREAS, no vaccine or drug is currently available to cure or combat COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Present Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued guidelines for "Community Mitigation Strategies" to limit the spread of COVID-19, including recommendations for social distancing and limiting gatherings of more than 10 people, which have been shown to be an effective method for containing COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, minimization of physical contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the residents of the City; and

WHEREAS, the safety of the residents of the City of Coconut Creek is of paramount concern; and

WHEREAS, the City of Coconut Creek's first responders, including police, fire and emergency medical services are tasked with ensuring the safety and well-being of residents, visitors, and local employees as well as the preservation and protection of property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of a curfew can help reduce overnight crime and provide for the care, safety and protection of residents; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of activities during late evening, overnight, and early morning hours reduces opportunities for group gatherings in contravention of Center for Disease Control protocols and permits the allocation of first responder resources where they will be most effective; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-25, "Declaration of City-wide State of Emergency," the Mayor may, concurrent with or subsequent to the declaration of a City-

wide State of Emergency, delineate mandatory evacuation zones, and/or set curfews within the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek has determined that emergency measures must be taken to alleviate the suffering of people and to protect property.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COCONUT CREEK, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That I, Louis Sarbone, Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, confirm the existence of a proclaimed City-wide **“STATE OF EMERGENCY”** and hereby set forth a curfew from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. within the City.

Section 2: Curfew. That during such curfew, all persons not involved in public safety or emergency service activities shall remain in their places of residence and shall not be or remain in public places, and all pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing and parking, except for provisions of fire, police, security personnel, emergency and hospital services, medical patients, restaurant take out, delivery, drive-thrus, and food delivery services, City contractors and City transportation drivers, utility emergency repairs and emergency calls by physicians within the curfew area are not prohibited during curfew hours. Retail establishments requiring re-supply in order to provide essential services or products, i.e. home improvement, groceries, fuel delivery locations, pharmacies or other retailers offering emergency supplies, transportation of fuels, movement of equipment and personnel for the provision of humanitarian support, and movement of equipment necessary for the protection of critical infrastructure or public safety are exceptions.

Section 3: That these emergency measures are set forth concurrent with or subsequent to the lawful declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency for the City of Coconut Creek, and such emergency measures shall take effect immediately and automatically terminate upon the termination of the City-wide State of Emergency, unless the State of Emergency is extended by the Mayor or extended or repealed by formal action of the City Commission.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this 20th day of March, 2020.


Louis Sarbone, Mayor