## Proclamation Of State of Emergency

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 virus has an extremely high propensity to spread person to person and has a proclivity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time causing property damage and ongoing, long-term risks to individuals who enter unknowingly infected physical property; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, former Mayor Louis Sarbone declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY as a result of the threat from Coronoavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which STATE OF EMERGENCY has subsequently been continuously extended; and

WHEREAS, Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor has certified that the serious threat from COVID-19 is still in existence creating a continuing emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 on Monday, March 9, 2020 declaring a state of emergency statewide, for a period of sixty days unless extended and said statewide emergency declaration has been continuously extended; and

WHEREAS, Section 312 of the City of Coconut Creek City Charter authorizes certain emergency measures to be taken under emergency conditions; and

WHEREAS, a Local State of Emergency is hereby declared by proclamation in accordance with Section 2-25 of the City's Code of Ordinances in order to authorize such actions as may be necessary to manage such Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, this Declaration of a Local State of Emergency for the City of Coconut Creek shall automatically terminate on the 7<sup>th</sup> day after it was proclaimed, unless extended by a separate Proclamation extending such Local State of Emergency issued by the Mayor or repealed by formal action of the City Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, do hereby proclaim and declare the existence of a City-wide "STATE OF EMERGENCY" and that all proper and lawful actions necessary to swiftly resolve the emergency and return the City to a condition of normalcy shall be taken.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed this \_5<sup>th</sup>\_ day of \_*may*\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

Rebecca A. Tooley, Mayor