VILLAGE OF PALMETTO BAY

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 02-20

WHEREAS, Section 252.38 (3)(A), Florida Statutes, gives political subdivisions the authority to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52. Declaring of State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Village Manager and Mayor declared an Emergency for the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to Village of Palmetto Bay residents, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high-risk medical conditions; and

WHEREAS, minimization of contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the residents of the Village of Palmetto Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued guidance entitled “15 Days to Slow the Spread” encouraging social distancing and maintaining a 6 foot separation between residents to slow the spread of infection and the events with more than ten attendees be canceled or held virtually; and

WHEREAS, the CDC guidelines are based upon the amount of community spread within a community and become more stringent where there is minimal to moderate or substantial community spread; and

WHEREAS, parks and recreation facilities are potential gathering places for the spread of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

By virtue of the powers and duties vested in me as the Village Manager of the Village of Palmetto Bay, Miami-Dade County, Florida, in accordance with Section 252.38 of the Florida Statutes, under Chapter 14, Article III, Sec. 14-80 (a) of the Village Code, and pursuant to the Village's Declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020 and as extended, I hereby find that it would further mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and serve the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Palmetto Bay to order the following:

1. All parks and recreational facilities shall remain closed in the Village of Palmetto Bay effective April 29th, 2020 at 6:00 AM (EST). This Emergency Order may be cancelled or amended by action of the Village Manager.
2. This order does not apply to beaches, parks and recreational facilities under the State of Florida, Miami-Dade County and Federal Government.

3. No person shall violate the terms of this Emergency Order, except upon direct authorization of the Village of Palmetto Bay Policing Unit. Any violation of this Emergency Order shall be subject to fine, imprisonment, or both, and/or closure of the Essential Business in accordance with Section 14-88 of the Village Code.

This Emergency Order shall be effective commencing April 29, 2020 at 6:00 a.m. (EST) and shall continue in effect from day-to-day until the State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020 is declared to be terminated by the Village Manager or Village Council in accordance with Section 14-81 of the Village Code. This Emergency Order may be cancelled earlier by action of the Village Manager.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Palmetto Bay to be affixed this 28th day of April 2020 at ____ p.m. (EST).

[Signature]
Gregory Truitt
Interim Village Manager

Attest:

[Signature]
Melissa Dodge
Acting Village Clerk