EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 4
PALM BEACH COUNTY COVID-19
DIRECTIVE TO WEAR FACIAL COVERS

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare, and safety of the people of Palm Beach County.

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health ("FDOH") to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County declared a local State of Emergency due to the Coronavirus pandemic, which has since been extended in accordance with applicable law; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") issued the "15 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance advising individuals to adopt far-reaching social distancing measures, such as avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, and in states with evidence of community spread, bars, restaurants, food courts, and gyms should be closed; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-82 directing all persons entering the State of Florida from an area with substantial community spread to isolate or quarantine for a period of 14 days from the time of entry into the State of Florida or the duration of the person's presence in the State of Florida, whichever is shorter and to inform any individual in Florida with whom they have had direct physical contact in the past 21 days that they traveled from an area with substantial community spread; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis also issued Executive Order 20-83 directing the State Surgeon General and the State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory for senior persons and persons that have a serious underlying

medical condition that places them at a high risk of severe illness from COVID-19 to stay at home. Such conditions include, but are not limited to, chronic lung disease or moderate to severe asthma; serious heart conditions; immunocompromised status, including those in cancer treatment; and severe obesity; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-89, restricting the operations of non-essential businesses in certain South Florida Counties and requires such establishments to take reasonable actions to comply with the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines on social distancing; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued the White House's "30 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance, which extends the prior "15 Days to Slow the Spread" guidance to April 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-91, which included a Safer At Home directive that Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-91, in concert with the efforts of President Trump and the White House Coronavirus Task Force to fight COVID-19, and based on guidance provided by Florida's Surgeon General and State Health Officer, further directed all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities, as identified in the Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, it is strongly recommended that all persons stay at home, in addition to senior citizens and those with a significant underlying medical condition required to stay home by Executive Order 20-91; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County desires to take additional steps to minimize the spread of COVID-19 within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 and all other applicable laws, that:

1. The foregoing recitals are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

2. This Order applies in all incorporated and unincorporated areas of Palm Beach County.

3. All persons working in, patronizing, or otherwise physically present in grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, construction sites, public transit vehicles,

vehicles for hire, and locations where social distancing measures are not possible should wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.

4. All other persons physically present in any public place in Palm Beach County are strongly urged to wear facial coverings as defined by the CDC.

5. A facial covering includes any covering which snugly covers the nose and mouth, whether store bought or homemade mask, or clothing covering, including but not limited to, a scarf, bandana, handkerchief or other similar cloth covering and which is secured in place. Examples of compliant homemade facial coverings may be found on the CDC website: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html. Persons wearing facial coverings should review the CDC and Florida Department of Health guidelines regarding safely applying, removing, and cleaning facial coverings.

6. Persons utilizing facial coverings should not procure surgical masks or N95 rated masks, as those are critical supplies for health care workers, law enforcement, fire-rescue, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life and safety activities.

7. Any provision(s) within this Order that conflict(s) with any state or federal law or constitutional provision, or conflict(s) with, or are superseded by, a current or subsequently-issued Executive Order of the Governor or the President of the United States, shall be deemed inapplicable and deemed to be severed from this Order, with the remainder of the Order remaining intact and in full force and effect. To the extent application of some or all of the provisions of this Order is prohibited on the sovereign land of a federally or state recognized sovereign or Indian tribe, such application is expressly excluded from this Order.

8. This Order shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on April 13, 2020. This Order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing State of Local Emergency, as same may be extended by subsequent order or declaration, unless earlier terminated by subsequent order.

PALM BEACH COUNTY

By: Verdenia C. Baker
County Administrator

April 11, 2020
Date

APPRPOVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:
County Attorney

ATTEST
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

By: Shaun R. Back
Deputy Clerk