



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
COVID-19  
MARCH 22, 2020 EXTENSION**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives political subdivisions the authority to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for periods 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, Ron Desantis, issued Executive Order Number 20-51, directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the State Health Officer and Surgeon General issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency, stating that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in Florida;

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency because of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 15, 2020, at 3:15 p.m. the City of Key West declared a State of Local Emergency in accordance with Florida Statute 252.38 and City of Key West Resolution No 2007-182; and

WHEREAS, the Centers 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 that event and/or social gatherings of groups of more than 10 people; and

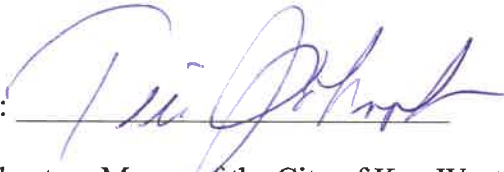
WHEREAS, Federal, State and local governments continue to issue emergency orders for protective measures as COVID-19 continues impact lives and the resources needed to protect citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and thus far has issued emergency directives 2020-01, 2020-02 & 2020-03; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38 grants the City the ability to extend the local state of emergency to insure the health, safety and welfare of the community;

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor of the City of Key West, I hereby declare and enact a continued State of Local Emergency for the City of Key West, for a period of seven (7) additional days. All prior Emergency directives continue in full force and effect, except that Directives 2020-01 and 2020-02 and shall be construed consistent with State of Florida Executive Order 2020-71. All orders and directives signed by the Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem, Emergency Management Director, or City Manager during the State of Local Emergency have the full force of law as specified in City of Key West Ordinance and applicable State and Federal law.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Teri Johnston, Mayor of the City of Key West

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

3/22/20

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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