

**VILLAGE OF KEY BISCAYNE, FLORIDA**  
**OFFICE OF THE VILLAGE MANAGER**  
**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza. COVID-19 poses a health risk to Village of Key Biscayne residents, particularly elderly residents. The World Health Organization previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. On March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency.

A State of Emergency was declared by Governor Ron DeSantis of the State of Florida, Executive Order No. 20-52 (*Exhibit “A”*) effective at 5:52 PM on March 9, 2020, by Mayor Carlos Gimenez of Miami-Dade County (*Exhibit “B”*) effective at 9:00 AM on March 12, 2020. President Trump of the United States of America declared a national emergency and at a press conference held at 3:00 PM on March 13, 2020.

On March 12, 2020, the Village cancelled all senior activities and athletic programming in an overabundance of caution to mitigate the spread of the virus. Rapid response to mitigate spread of the virus requires that precautions be taken to protect the public health and welfare of the Village.

Therefore, as Village Manager of the Village of Key Biscayne, I, Andrea M. Agha, exercise the authority granted to me under Chapter 9 of the Village Code, declare a State of Emergency for the Village of Key Biscayne, and elect to adopt orders issued by the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County emergency management agencies. This state of emergency shall continue in effect from day to day until declared to be terminated by the Village Council or me in accordance with Section 9-6 of the Village Code.

Pursuant to this Declaration, further orders may be issued to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the Village in accordance with Chapter 9 of the Village Code (*Exhibit “C”*). I hereby direct all Village departments to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Village of Key Biscayne to be affixed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 4:20 p.m. (EST).

ATTEST:



CONCHITA ALVAREZ, CMC, VILLAGE CLERK

  
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ANDREA M. AGHA, VILLAGE MANAGER

