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**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY BY THE  
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE,  
FLORIDA PURSUANT TO CH. 2, ART. XV.5., §2-284  
(COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-52 was issued by the Governor of the State of Florida on March 9, 2020, declaring a state of emergency in response to Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) that poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens is a fundamental responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and

**WHEREAS**, by operation of law, the aforementioned EXECUTIVE ORDER and Sections 252.36, 252.46 and 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article XV.5. Emergencies - Disaster, Sections 2-282 through 2-292 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Pierce, provide the Mayor or the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Fort Pierce with authority to declare a state of local emergency, to request state assistance, to invoke the City's emergency-related mutual-aid assistance agreements; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce has determined therefore that the severe threat requires that emergency action be taken to prevent or alleviate the suffering of the citizens of the City of Fort Pierce and to embrace the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce has determined that the City of Fort Pierce's Emergency Management Plan should be activated,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Mayor of the City of Fort Pierce, Florida hereby proclaims and declares that:

Section 1. A state of local emergency exists for the City of Fort Pierce, Florida.

Section 2. This Declaration of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for the next seven (7) days, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, unless terminated earlier, or extended as necessary.

Section 3. This Declaration of Local Emergency shall be filed promptly with the City Clerk and the Clerk of the Circuit Court, and shall otherwise be given prompt and general publicity.

DECLARED AND ORDERED this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City has caused these presents to be executed in its name by its Mayor and its corporate seal to be affixed, attested by its City Clerk, hereunto duly authorized.

Signed, sealed, and delivered  
in the presence of:

CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA

Sign: Andrea S. Trumble  
Print: Andrea S. Trumble

Linda Hudson  
Linda Hudson, Mayor

Sign: Miriam Garcia  
Print: Miriam Garcia

Linda W. Cox  
Linda W. Cox, City Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF ST LUCIE

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that on March 17, 2020, before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Linda Hudson, Mayor of Fort Pierce, known to me to be the Mayor, of the City of Fort Pierce, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. She is personally known to me, and did not take an oath.

  
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**NOTARY PUBLIC**

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

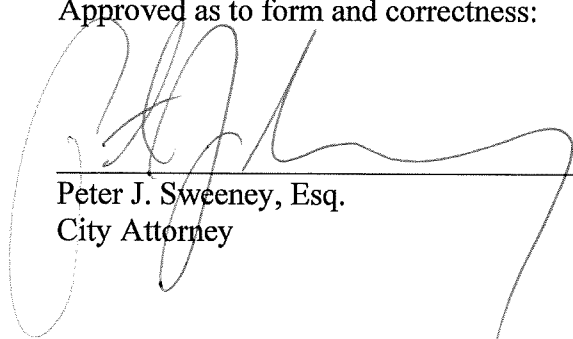


Linda W. Cox  
**NOTARY PUBLIC**  
STATE OF FLORIDA  
Comm# GG121327  
Expires 9/9/2021

Commission No.: \_\_\_\_\_

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved as to form and correctness:

  
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Peter J. Sweeney, Esq.  
City Attorney