

Proclamation

Urging Use of Face Coverings

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has an extremely high propensity to spread person to person creating ongoing, long-term risks to individuals and especially the elderly, sick or those with compromised immune systems; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-52 on Monday, March 9, 2020 declaring a state of emergency statewide, and authorizing in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State to "waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to . . . [the] [p]erformance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;" and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Mayor Louis Sarbone declared a STATE OF EMERGENCY as a result of the threat from Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19), which STATE OF EMERGENCY has subsequently been continuously extended to date; and

WHEREAS, Louis Sarbone, Mayor, has certified that the serious threat from COVID-19 is escalating creating a continuing emergency situation; and

WHEREAS, since the outbreak of COVID-19 multiple states and numerous local governments have adopted various versions of "Cover Your Face" and "Facial Mask" orders designed to protect the health and well-being of the community, and to serve as an aid in addition to social distancing in an effort to limit community spread of COVID-19 by asymptomatic persons that may be carrying the disease as they work in or visit essential business or engage in essential activities; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control recommends everyone wear a cloth face cover or mask, though not a facemask meant for a healthcare worker, when they have to go out in public; and

WHEREAS, as of today, the City is aware of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Coconut Creek as well as surrounding jurisdictions and desires to limit the potential community spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has issued a number of emergency declarations closing businesses and imposing increasing restrictions designed to limit physical

interaction between people thereby reducing the opportunities for community spread of COVID-19 including but not limited to EO 20-70, EO 20-71, EO 20-80, EO 20-83, EO 20-86, EO 20-87, EO 20-88, EO 20-89, EO 20-90, EO 20-91, and EO 20-92; and

WHEREAS, Broward County has also issued emergency orders closing businesses and restricting non-essential activities in an effort to reduce the opportunities for community spread including but not limited to Broward County Emergency Orders 20-01, 20-02, 20-03, 20-04, and 20-05; and

WHEREAS, as of April 7, 2020 the number of statewide cases of COVID-19 had risen to 14,504 in the state of Florida and cases throughout Broward County confirm local community spread of the virus in escalating numbers; and

WHEREAS, it is evident that more drastic steps need to be taken on both a county and state-wide level in order to successfully reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-25, "Declaration of City-wide State of Emergency," the Mayor may, concurrent with or subsequent to the declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency, delineate mandatory evacuation zones, and/or set curfews and restrictions within the City in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that I, Louis Sarbone, Mayor of the City of Coconut Creek, Florida, confirm the existence of a proclaimed City-wide "**STATE OF EMERGENCY**" and do hereby state as follows:

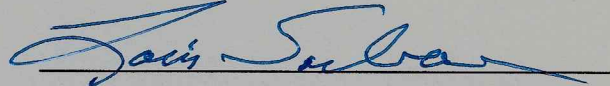
- (1) Every person working, living, visiting, or doing business in the City of Coconut Creek is encouraged to wear a cloth facial covering consistent with the current CDC guidelines while in any public place, except when such person is engaging in outdoor physical activities in accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders 20-91 and 20-92.
- (2) All people should avoid the utilization of surgical masks or N95 rated masks as those are critical supplies for health care workers, police, fire, emergency management, or other persons engaged in life safety activities.

Section 1: That these emergency measures are set forth concurrent with or subsequent to the lawful declaration of a City-wide State of Emergency for the City of Coconut Creek, and such emergency measures shall take effect immediately and automatically terminate upon the termination of the City-wide State of Emergency, unless

the State of Emergency is extended by the Mayor or extended or repealed by formal action of the City Commission.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
and caused the seal of the City of Coconut Creek to be affixed**

this 7th day of April, 2020.



Louis Sarbone, Mayor