

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA**

**-MEMORANDUM-**

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COMMISSION

FROM: BILLY URQUIA, CITY CLERK 

DATE: **March 12, 2020**

RE: (1) PROCLAMATION AND DECLARATION OF STATE OF  
LOCAL EMERGENCY

(2) NOTICE TO MEDIA REFERENCING STATE OF EMERGENCY

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Attached hereto please find a copy of the documents referenced above for your file.

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C: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Commission

**CITY OF CORAL GABLES**

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

**TO:** CITY COMMISSION  
**FROM:** RAUL VALDES-FAULI  
MAYOR

**DATE:** March 12, 2020  
**TIME:** 2:00 p.m.

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**CITY OF CORAL GABLES DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Pursuant to the authority vested in me under Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Coral Gables, as well as the authority provided in Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and in recognition that the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) may require immediate and extraordinary actions by the City of Coral Gables in order to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and in recognition that Governor Ron Desantis has declared a state of emergency that applies throughout the State of Florida, and Mayor Carlos Gimenez declared a state of emergency the applies throughout Miami-Dade County, including the City of Coral Gables, I hereby declare that a state of emergency exists in the City of Coral Gables, and hereby issue the following emergency authorization order:

The City Manager is hereby ordered to take whatever prudent and lawful actions are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. The City Manager is directed to coordinate with other governmental agencies to ensure that the City's actions are consistent with the emergency management plans for the State of Florida and Miami-Dade County. The City Attorney is directed to provide legal interpretations regarding this order and the authority provided hereunder.

In addition, the City is authorized to exercise all emergency powers provided in 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes.

- C: City Manager
- City Attorney
- City Clerk
- ACM
- Directors

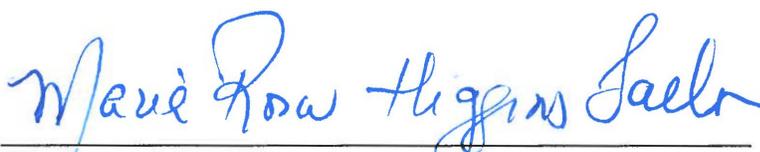
Approved as to form & legal sufficiency:

Miriam Soler Ramos  
Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney

## NOTICE OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

Under the provisions of law and §252.31 – 252.60, Florida Statutes, the Mayor of the City of Coral Gables, has at 2:00 A.M./P.M. on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, declared that a state of emergency exists within the City of Coral Gables, Miami-Dade County, Florida.

All persons within the said City are advised to become informed as to the contents of the above Declaration of a State of Emergency and to keep informed as to the provisions of the Supplementary Emergency Orders, if the same be issued.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marie Row Higgins Saelle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath it.

(Signature of person providing news media with copy)

# CITY OF CORAL GABLES

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Peter J. Iglesias, City Manager  
Ed Santamaria, Assistant City Manager  
Diana Gomez, Finance Director

**FROM:** Miriam Soler Ramos, City Attorney *MSR*

**Cc:** Billy Urquia, City Clerk

**DATE:** March 12, 2020

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### Authority During State of Emergency

On March 12, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. the Mayor of Coral Gables signed a “Declaration of State of Emergency and Emergency Authorization Order.” As such, while this order remains in place, the City may take immediate and extraordinary measures to promote the safety, health and welfare of the public. These measures may be taken pursuant to Florida Statutes and the City’s Charter.

Sec. 252.38(3)(a), F.S., authorizes the City to: (1) expend funds, enter into contracts, obtain and distribute equipment, materials and supplies for emergency management purposes, provide emergency assistance to any victims of the emergency, and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans in accordance with policies set by the federal and state emergency management agencies; (2) appoint, employ or remove, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel and other emergency management workers; (3) establish emergency operating centers; (4) assign for duty the offices of the City, including employees, property or equipment relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical, police, transportation, construction, and similar services for emergency operation; and (5) request state assistance or invoke emergency mutual-aid assistance and waive procedures pertaining to: (a) performance of public work and taking of actions to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community, (b) enter into contracts, (c) incur obligations, (d) employ permanent or temporary workers, (e) utilize volunteer workers, (f) rent equipment, (g) acquire and distribute supplies, materials and facilities, and (h) expend public funds.

Sec. 6 of the City Charter, provides that, in time of emergency, the Mayor may take command of the police to maintain order and enforce the laws and that during his absence his duties shall be performed by another member appointed by the City Commission. In the Mayor’s March 12<sup>th</sup> Declaration, he ordered the City Manager, to take whatever prudent and lawful actions are necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community and to coordinate with other governmental agencies to ensure the City’s actions are consistent with the emergency management plans for the State and County.