## **AFFIDAVIT**

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COUNTY OF MIAMI-DADE	)

My name is Carlos A. Gimenez. I am the Mayor of Miami-Dade County.

On March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida related to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a Local State of Emergency for a period of up to 7 days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law.

Because COVID-19 posed a public health, safety, and welfare risk to Miami-Dade County residents, I declared a Local State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 to respond to the threat posed by COVID-19 and to provide for emergency measures to deal with COVID-19. I subsequently extended the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency on March 19, 2020 and again on April 2, 2020, and on April 8, 2020. Section 8B-6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County Code, Florida (County Code) provides that the Mayor of Miami-Dade County is authorized to declare a Local State of Emergency. However, the County Code further states that if the declaration is to exceed 30 days, then the Mayor shall present to the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners an additional affidavit stating the reasons for the extension.

An additional extension of the existing Local State of Emergency would exceed the thirty 30 days authorized by County Code. Therefore, I am presenting this affidavit as explanation for future extensions of the Local State of Emergency that I originally declared on March 12, 2020 which I expect to enter every seven days until the Governor's Executive Order declaring a state of emergency related to COVID-19 expires or is otherwise extended.

As of April 9, 2020, there are more than 16,000 cases of COVID-19 in Florida, including over 6,000 in Miami-Dade County.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to affect our community and nation. While our County has already taken swift action to combat an invisible enemy and prepare for the unknown, much remains to be done.

Due to the continued threat posed by COVID-19, I believe the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency must be extended to allow me, as Mayor of Miami-Dade County, to continue to take

the extraordinary and immediate actions required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the 2.8 million residents of Miami-Dade County. Additionally, extending the Local State of Emergency will allow Miami-Dade County to seek reimbursement from state and federal governments as well as to qualify for available state and federal funding to aid in economic recovery efforts.

Further Affiant sayeth naught.

Dated this Oday of April, 2020.

CARLOS A. GIMENEZ, MAYOR

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY

Notary Public, State of Florida

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by means of [] physical presence or [] online notarization, this day of April 2020, by Carlos A. Gimenez, Mayor of Miami-

Dade County, who is personally known to me.

TERIA JOSEPH
Notary Public - State of Florida
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My Comm. Expires Mar 12, 2023
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