

**EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA
PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES IN RESPONSE TO THE THREATS
POSED BY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID19)**

WHEREAS, On March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51 declaring a statewide public health emergency as a result of the threat of the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, County Mayor Carlos Gimenez also declared a countywide state of emergency in response to the first reported case of coronavirus infection in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease and a member of President Trump's task force on coronavirus, has named Florida as being at high risk of community spread; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis, as of the date of this Emergency Order, upgraded the designation of public health emergency to a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, today, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency over the coronavirus outbreak affecting the nation; and

WHEREAS, health authorities and news sources report the elderly are at high risk of getting very sick from coronavirus;

WHEREAS, although no known cases of coronavirus have been reported among the residents of the City of Hialeah, the City, as the second largest city in the County, makes up almost 10% of the countywide population and has a percentage of population aged 65 or older that is higher than the County; and

WHEREAS, the City alone has over 650 elderly residents in its City-owned residential complexes and;

WHEREAS, the City has taken action and continues to take action to slow the spread and reduce the impact of the disease in case of an outbreak to protect its population and employees; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency for a limited duration, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) may require extraordinary and immediate actions by the City of Hialeah in order to maintain order and protect the life, health, safety and welfare of the public;

THEREFORE, in preparation and in response to impending risk to the life, health, safety and welfare posed by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and pursuant to the authority provided by Chapter 252.38 and in furtherance of the Governor's Executive Order No. 20-51;

In order to safeguard the life, health, safety and welfare of the residents of the City of Hialeah;
and

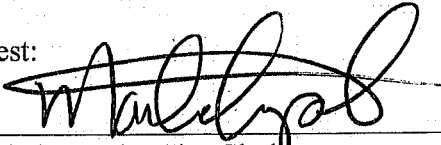
In an attempt to slow the spread and mitigate the potential impact of Coronavirus Disease;

I HEREBY FIND THAT:

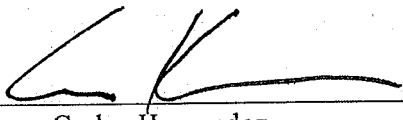
1. A state of local emergency exists in the City of Hialeah, Florida.
2. Consistent with Executive Order 20-51, the emergency management powers as provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the City Charter, as Mayor of the City of Hialeah I invoke the power to take whatever prudent actions and issue any and all orders as are necessary within the City of Hialeah to protect the life, health, safety, and welfare of the community and to carry out the provisions of Florida Statutes Sections 252.31 through and including 252.90.
3. This Emergency Order shall remain in effect for seven (7) days from the date it is executed or until cancelled, whichever event occurs first.

ORDERED this 16th day of March, 2020 at 10:23 a.m. p.m.

Attest:



Marbelys Fatjo, City Clerk



Mayor Carlos Hernandez