

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the State of Florida, Office of the Governor, Executive Order Number 20-51 was passed on Sunday, March 1, 2020, establishing COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directing a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, March 1, 2020, at 9:31 p.m. Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respirator transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, as a preventive measure, certain protocol were put into place to attempt to reduce the risks associated with COVID-19 as it poses a severe threat to the State of Florida, and even Internationally, and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure and general welfare in the State; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020 at 5:52 p.m., Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52 activating the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Broward County Board of County Commissioners declared Broward County under a Local State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 at 12:25 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Lauderhill may, by a written statement, declare an emergency in the City of Lauderhill in accordance with Section 8-1/2 of the City of Lauderhill Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, all relevant sections of Chapter 8-1/2 as well as the remainder of the City of Lauderhill Code of Ordinances and any and all other applicable State, County, and City, rules and regulations shall become effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. the City of Lauderhill declared a State of Emergency as to the Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in an abundance of caution, and based upon the Executive Orders Number 20-51 and 20-52 that have been issued, the City of Lauderhill hereby declares a State of Emergency in the event that it is necessary to seek reimbursement for any qualifying expenses incurred in response to COVID-19, and for any other purposes deemed necessary in accordance with the State of Emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Desorae Giles-Smith, the Interim City Manager of the City of Lauderhill, effective at 2:49 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, do hereby declare a STATE OF EMERGENCY exists in the City of Lauderhill.



Desorae Giles-Smith
Interim City Manager

Attest:



Nadia Chin
Deputy City Clerk

Signed and Sealed this 10th day of March, 2020 at the City of Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida.