

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH PROCLAIMING A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN POMPANO BEACH, BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that appears to occur through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, as of February 29, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout China and to 67 other countries and territories, including 62 cases within the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, the CDC has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to or from those countries; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak in Japan, the CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel and all travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol-based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, as of March 2, 2020, the viral outbreak that began in China has spread to every continent across the globe except Antarctica, infected nearly 90,000 people and has resulted in six deaths in Washington State; and

WHEREAS, two individuals in the State of Florida tested presumptively positive for COVID-19, including a resident of Manatee County and a resident of Hillsborough County; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures in communities with COVID-19 cases, including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a Public Health Emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Scott A. Rivkees, M.D. State Surgeon General and State Health Officer, declared a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pompano Beach is a destination for thousands of visitors from around the world, the State and the County which could assist in the spread of COVID-19 to local residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Pompano Beach finds and determines that it is necessary to ensure that preparations of the City will be adequate to deal with and recover from this disaster or emergency; now, therefore,

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, THAT:

- (1) The above recitals are true.
- (2) A public health emergency exists in the City of Pompano Beach, Florida.
- (3) COVID-19 is a serious threat and all persons within the City should take all precautionary measures to combat the virus as suggested by the CDC and all applicable state and federal agencies.
- (4) I direct City Management to implement any and all measures required to best protect the citizens of Pompano Beach and to work closely with all applicable state and federal agencies to obtain all methods, products and equipment to accomplish these goals.

PROCLAIMED at 2:30pm hours this the 4th day of March 2020.



REX HARDIN, MAYOR

ATTEST:



ASCELETA HAMMOND, CITY CLERK

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