



**CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI
OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER**

**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
March 13, 2020**

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes gives authority to political subdivision (definition of which includes municipalities) to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days including unlimited extensions of additional seven (7) day periods, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, 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 COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to City of South Miami residents, particularly elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus may require extraordinary and immediate actions by City of South Miami in order to protect the public health, safe and welfare; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to its municipal home rule powers to prepare for and respond to weather and other emergencies, the Mayor and City Commission of the City of South Miami enacted Ordinance no. 11-93-1539, entitled "Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management ordinance provides for the City Manager or designee to recommend a declaration of a public health emergency pursuant to sections 14-1 and 14-5 of the Code of Ordinances of South Miami; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager believes it is prudent to declare a public health emergency and to organize all available City resources to prepare for, respond to and recover from all threats to the security, safety and health of the people of South Miami.



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NOW THEREFORE BE IT DECLARED BY THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF SOUTH MIAMI, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. A public health emergency resulting from the threat of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus is declared to exist as of this date.

Section 2. The City Manager is authorized to exercise all necessary and appropriate powers under Ordinance No. 11-93-1539 to accomplish emergency management during the duration of this emergency. The City Manager shall report to the Commission at its next scheduled meeting, unless a special meeting is called earlier, a preliminary assessment of the danger to public health due to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus, all actions taken in response to the emergency, the effectiveness of the emergency management structure, the estimated cost of the response, further actions which may be required, contracts which must be reviewed and ratified by the Commission and any emergency budget appropriations which may be requested.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 14-2 the City Manager hereby designates the Deputy City Manager as the Coordinator of Emergency Services for this event.

Section 4. This declaration of emergency shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for a period of up to seven (7) days; unless it is terminated earlier by the Commission or by certification by the City Manager or designee. The City Manager has the authority under Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes to extend this period of declared emergency for an unlimited number of periods of up to seven (7) days as conditions warrant.

By the City Manager,



Steven Alexander