

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.1 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, DETERMINING THAT A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to the flu; and

WHEREAS, in late 2019, a new and significant outbreak of COVID-19 emerged in China and has been spreading around the world at an alarming rate; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO), President Trump, and Florida Governor DeSantis previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Town Charter, the Town Administrator may determine that an emergency exists within the Town; and

WHEREAS, it is likely that the COVID-19 pandemic will have a prolonged effect on the residents, staff, and the level of services provided; and

WHEREAS, special equipment, personnel and other resources, as well as emergency purchases, may be required in order to ensure that timely measures are taken for the protection of lives and property in the Town; and

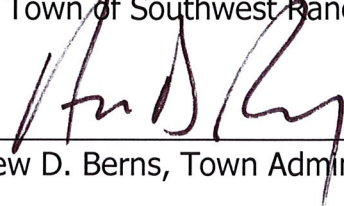
WHEREAS, the Town Administrator finds and determines that it is necessary to ensure that preparations of this Town will be adequate to deal with and recover from this COVID-19 pandemic response.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:

That, due to the foregoing conditions, I hereby determine that a STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY exists in the Town of Southwest Ranches effective at 8:30 a.m. on March 16, 2020.

DATED THIS 16th day of March, 2020.

Town of Southwest Ranches, FL


Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator