

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020 - 01

Date: March 13, 2020

Time: 8:53 a.m.

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) raised its assessment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) threat from high to very high and declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as “high,” both in the United States and throughout the world; 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, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article IX, Orange County Code, empower the Orange County Mayor to declare a State of Local Emergency when conditions such as those described hereinabove are found to exist; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article IX, Orange County Code, empower the Director of Emergency Management to exercise extraordinary powers during the existence of a State of Local Emergency, including the exercise of certain powers by Emergency Orders issued by the Director of Emergency Management.

NOW, THEREFORE,

I, Jerry L. Demings, County Mayor of Orange County, Florida, do hereby find for the reasons set forth above that a State of Local Emergency exists within both unincorporated and incorporated Orange County, Florida.

Pursuant to pertinent legal authorities, I, Jerry L. Demings, shall act as Director of Emergency Management during the State of Local Emergency declared herein and am vested with all powers and authority granted to such position during the existence of the State of Local Emergency proclaimed hereby.

Furthermore, all procedures and formalities required by law of Orange County, Florida, as a political subdivision pertaining to the matters described in Section 252.38(3)(a)5.a. through h., Florida Statutes, are hereby waived during the State of Local Emergency.

As the Director of Emergency Management, I shall issue such other Emergency Orders as are required in order to conduct County business and to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the people and property within Orange County.

All public officials and employees of Orange County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of this State of Local Emergency and in the execution of State and Local emergency orders, regulations and directives.

All people of Orange County are called upon and directed to comply with all necessary emergency measures, and to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency/disaster service forces in executing emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful direction of all properly identified public officers.

The State of Local Emergency declared hereby shall continue for seven days from the date and time hereof, and may be extended, as necessary, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes.

ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Jerry L. Demings

Orange County Mayor

RECEIVED AND FILED in the office of the Orange County Comptroller as Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners this 13th day of March, 2020, at 8:30 o'clock PM.

BY: 

Deputy Comptroller