

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA PROCLAIMING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE DUE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT RESULTING FROM THE SPREAD OF THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order No. 20-52, thereby declaring a public health emergency in the State of Florida due to the public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, March 10, 2020, Broward County Administrator Bertha Henry declared a state of emergency in Broward County; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization's International Health Regulations Emergency Committee declared the outbreak a "public health emergency of international concern"; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recommending that travelers avoid nonessential travel to and from countries designated by the CDC as Level 3, which currently include China, Iran, Italy and South Korea; and

WHEREAS, the CDC is predicting that it is "likely" that "widespread transmission" of COVID-19 will occur in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is the innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the State of Florida to safeguard the life and property of its residents; and

WHEREAS, in Broward County, Florida, four people have tested presumptively positive for the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), a serious respiratory illness that causes symptoms similar to influenza including coughing, fever and shortness of breath; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure that preparations of the City of North Lauderdale will be adequate to deal with any public health emergency resulting from the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the citizens and residents of the City of North Lauderdale to declare a state of emergency due to the public health threat resulting from the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19); and


WHEREAS, Section 4.5(k) of the City's Code of Ordinances permits declaration of a local State of Emergency when conditions such as those described above are found to exist; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

That a local State of Emergency exists in North Lauderdale, Florida.

Proclaimed at 8:05 p.m. this 10th day of March, 2020.


MAYOR ANA M. ZIAIDE


AMBREEN BHATTY, City Manager

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK PATRICIA VANCHERI

