

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA  
PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 15.04, Code of Ordinances City Manager William B. Horne is the Emergency Management Director; pursuant to § 15.05, Code of Ordinances Fire Division Chief of Emergency Management Jevon Graham has been appointed by the City Manager as Emergency Management Coordinator, and the Emergency Management Coordinator has certified that the spread of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has created and continues to create an emergency situation in the City of Clearwater; and

WHEREAS, the March 18, 2020 state of emergency was confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-11 later that day, extended 7 days by Mayor George N. Cretekos on March 25, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on April 1, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-14 on April 2, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on April 8 and April 15 and confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-16 on April 16, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on April 22, April 29, and May 6 and confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-19 on May 7, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on May 13 and May 20, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-22 on May 21, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on May 27 and June 3, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-28 on June 4, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on June 10 and June 17, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-30 on June 18, and extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on June 24, July 1, July 8, and July 15, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-32 on July 16, extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on July 22, July 29, and August 5, confirmed by City Council in Resolution 20-36 on August 6, and extended 7 days by Mayor Frank Hibbard on August 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of August 19, 2020 579,932 persons in Florida, including 34,605 in Hillsborough County (including 490 deaths), 9,891 in Manatee County (including 247 deaths), 7,527 in Pasco County (including 152 deaths), and 18,876 in Pinellas County (including 570 deaths) have tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the City of Clearwater continues to be threatened by COVID-19 because of the apparent ability of the virus to spread rapidly among humans, and COVID-19 thereby continues to constitute a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City of Clearwater, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 15.07(5) each state of emergency is limited to seven days and may be extended to authorize such actions as may be necessary to manage such state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, extending the state of emergency is necessary to keep the emergency measures in Resolutions No. 20-22 and 20-32 in effect, and to maintain the proper control of and response to the emergency conditions certified above; now, therefore,

I, Frank Hibbard, Mayor of the City of Clearwater, do hereby proclaim and declare that a state of emergency continues to exist within the City of Clearwater and shall be extended an additional seven days so that the enacted emergency measures are maintained, and so that all proper and lawful actions necessary to swiftly resolve the emergency and return the community to a condition of normalcy shall be taken.

  
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Frank Hibbard, Mayor

Date: 8-19-20