

CITY OF CLEARWATER, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, pursuant to § 15.04, Code of Ordinances City Manager William B. Horne is the Emergency Management Director; and

WHEREAS, 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, a state of emergency was declared by Mayor George N. Cretekos on March 18, 2020, confirmed by City Council later that day, and extended 7 days by Mayor George N. Cretekos on March 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as of March 31, 2020 6,096 Florida residents (6,338 total cases in Florida including non-residents), including 291 in Hillsborough County (including 3 deaths), 48 in Manatee County (including 1 death), 41 in Pasco County (including 2 deaths), 144 in Pinellas County (including 5 deaths), at least 24 cases of which are believed to be City of Clearwater residents, 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 Resolution Nos. 20-11 and 20-12 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.



Frank Hibbard
Mayor

Date April 1, 2020