

## BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS



### PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CONNECTION WITH COVID-19

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, in his capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, issued Executive Order 20-51, directing the declaration of a public health emergency and establishing the State of Florida's response to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General declared a public health emergency in the State of Florida; and

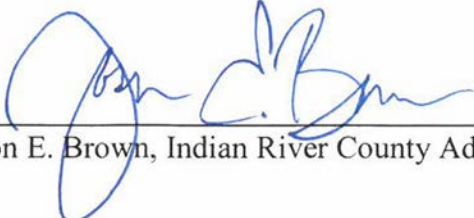
**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, Indian River County began taking protective measures to address COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis, in his capacity as Governor of the State of Florida, issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida by reason of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, President Donald Trump proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a National Emergency beginning March 1, 2020

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to section 101.10(1) of the Code of Indian River County, and Resolution 2019-55 of the Indian River County Board of County Commissioners, the County Administrator is authorized to declare a local state of emergency upon making a determination that a disaster has occurred or is imminent, requiring immediate and expeditious action,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in my capacity as County Administrator, I hereby (1) determine that, by reason of COVID-19, the threat of a disaster has occurred or is imminent, requiring immediate and expeditious action, and (2) declare that a local state of emergency exists in all of Indian River County, Florida, effective as of 8:00 a.m., on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

  
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Jason E. Brown, Indian River County Administrator

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## Local Declaration of Emergency Additional Information and FAQ's

What does an official declaration allow?

- A local State of Emergency allows local government and emergency managers quicker access to resources help manage a crisis and return the community to normal.
- This enables government officials to take extra measures to protect the public as needed.
- Local government may seek State or Federal funding and assistance for disaster response if warranted.
- It provides authority to trigger actions such as anti-price gouging laws when applicable.

Has there been a confirmed case in Indian River County?

- No. There has not been a confirmed case of COVID-19 in Indian River County at this time.

Is the EOC currently activated?

- No. The EOC remains at Level 3 – monitoring. Activation of the EOC may occur at a later date, depending on local conditions.

Does this mean that there is a curfew or any restrictions on people moving around the County?

- No. There are no restrictions in Indian River County based on the Local State of Emergency. At this time, the County does not plan to implement any restrictions of this type. We will continue to follow State and Federal guidance on these matters.

Can I still vote in the Republican and Democratic Primaries today?

- **Yes. Today's primaries are continuing as scheduled.**
- If you have questions about voting, please call the Supervisor of Elections Office at 772-226-3440 or visit the website at [www.voteindianriver.com](http://www.voteindianriver.com) for more information.
- Polling location change for all voters who previously voted on Election Day at Indian River Estates Precincts 1, 4, and 333 will now vote at Central Assembly of God at 6767 20<sup>th</sup> Street, Vero Beach, FL 32966

Are County Offices still open?

- **Yes. County facilities remain open at their regularly scheduled hours.** We have implemented enhanced cleaning of County facilities in an effort to reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19. We are also encouraging the public to conduct business with the County through online services, telephone, and drive through, rather than conducting business in person. We continue to monitor the changing conditions, and will make adjustments as needed going forward.