CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENSION NO. 15 OF DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, State of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-52 ("Governor's emergency declaration") that declared a Public Health Emergency in the State due to the dangers of COVID-19, and that authorized local governments to take any prudent action necessary to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Duval County/City of Jacksonville Mayor, Lenny Curry, issued Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001 ("County's Proclamation") that declared a state of emergency exists due to COVID-19, in the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, including the City of Jacksonville Beach ("City"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City, issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency ("City's Declaration"), to activate and implement safety and mitigation measures to protect the health, welfare, and safety of City residents, businesses, and staff against COVID-19 risks; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's emergency declaration and many emergency orders have been extended to continue safety measures and mitigation efforts to protect the public health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes, the limitation for local governments to declare a local emergency is seven (7) days, with 7-day extension increments; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency persists, and safety measures and mitigation efforts continue to be necessary; therefore the City's Declaration is extended to continue emergency management plans and to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM C. LATHAM, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE VII, SECTION 2-193 OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, AND ALL APPLICABLE EXECUTIVE ORDERS AND LAWS, DO HEREBY DECLARE:

I. The City's Declaration initial period was March 13, 2020 through March 19, 2020. Pursuant to Florida law, the City has issued extensions of the City's Declaration in seven (7) day increments from March 20, 2020 through June 25, 2020 inclusive. A state of local emergency continues to exist in the City due to COVID-19.

II. The City's Declaration is hereby extended for another period of seven (7) days continuously from June 26, 2020 through July 2, 2020 inclusive, to protect the public health, welfare, and safety. The City's Declaration may be extended, as necessary, in 7-day increments.

IT IS SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 26th DAY OF JUNE, 2020.

Attest:

Laurie Scott, City Clerk

William C. Latham, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Chris Ambrosio, City Attorney