CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA
EXTENSION NO. 1 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 declaring a Public Health Emergency in the State due to the serious dangers posed by COVID-19, and authorizing local governments to take any prudent action necessary to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the City of Jacksonville Beach ("City"), issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency in the City ("City's Emergency Declaration"), to activate emergency plans and proactive mitigation measures against the dangers posed by COVID-19 to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of citizens and visitors of the City; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order No. 20-68 declaring the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency continues to exist in Florida; 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, which may be extended in 7-day increments; so the City’s Emergency Declaration initial period was March 13, 2020 through March 19, 2020 inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health threats persist, and in many reports, have worsened in Florida and Duval County, so exists the need for extension the City’s Emergency Declaration to protect the public health, welfare, and safety of citizens and visitors of the City.

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. A state of local emergency continues to exist in the City of Jacksonville Beach due to COVID-19.

II. The City’s Emergency Declaration is hereby extended for a period of seven (7) days continuously from March 20, 2020, through March 26, 2020 inclusive. The City’s Emergency Declaration may continue to be extended, as necessary, in 7-day increments.


William C. Latham, Mayor

Attest:
Laurie Scott, City Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:
Chris Ambrosio, City Attorney