CITY OF JACKSONVILLE BEACH, FLORIDA, EXTENSION NO. 27 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 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; Executive Order No. 20-52 was extended again by the Governor in Executive Order No. 20-213, ("Governor's Emergency Declaration"); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Duval County/City of Jacksonville Mayor, Lenny Curry, issued Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-001 that declared a state of emergency exists due to COVID-19, in the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, including the City of Jacksonville Beach ("City"); on August 28, 2020, Mayor Curry issued a new Emergency Executive Proclamation 2020-007 ("County's Proclamation"), in which he extended his declared state of emergency in the Consolidated City of Jacksonville, including the Beaches communities and the 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, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes, the limitation for local governments to declare a local emergency is seven days, with seven-day extension increments; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's Emergency Declaration, the County's Proclamation, the City's Declaration and many other emergency orders are issued to implement safety measures and mitigation efforts to protect the public health, welfare, and safety; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 public health emergency persists, and local 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, ALL APPLICABLE EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS, EXECUTIVE ORDERS, AND FLORIDA LAWS, DO HEREBY DECLARE:

I. The City's Declaration initial period was March 13, 2020 through March 19, 2020, and extended in seven day increments from March 20, 2020 through September 17, 2020, inclusive. A state of local emergency continues to exist in the City due to COVID-19. The City's Declaration is hereby extended for another period of seven days continuously from September 18, 2020 through September 24, 2020, inclusive, to protect the public health, welfare, and safety. The City's Declaration may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments.

IT IS SO DECLARED AND ORDERED THIS 18th DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020.

Attest:

Laurie Scott, City Clerk

William C. Latham, Mayor

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Chris Ambrosio, City Attorney