

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020- 1

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART I, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 19-40

WHEREAS, it is necessary to declare a Local Public Health Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 19-40 because of the threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to spread among humans, which may pose a threat to public health and safety and cause a threat to the entire State of Florida, including St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared a pandemic related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency for the country to address the public health threat to the United States of America as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 20-51 declaring a Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has issued Executive Order No. 20-52 waiving procedures and formalities otherwise required by law for political subdivisions in accordance with the provisions of Section 252.38, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, local government agencies in St. Johns County, including, but not limited to, St. Johns County, the City of St. Augustine, the City of St. Augustine Beach, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office, and each of the other St. Johns County constitutional officers have begun as of March 1, 2020 implementing preparations to address the public health threat; and

WHEREAS, the emergency may become beyond the capability of St. Johns County to effectively respond under normal procedures; and

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized equipment, materials, and personnel may be required to assist in treatment and take protective action with regard to life and health; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County may request assistance from the State and/or may implement its interlocal agreements with other local governments pertaining to emergencies; and

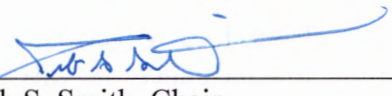
WHEREAS, in light of the potential substantial economic impact of the emergency, St. Johns County supports State and Federal programs that would protect

against or mitigate economic losses and may request assistance from the State and Federal governments in order to mitigate potential economic losses that may occur as a result of the emergency.

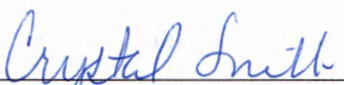
NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 6 of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 19-40, it is hereby declared that: (1) the Board of County Commissioners adopts the above recitals as legislative findings of fact; (2) a state of local emergency exists and is affecting St. Johns County due to the threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to spread among humans, posing a threat to public health and safety, and (3) this emergency is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action. The Board of County Commissioners hereby ratifies all emergency measures taken by the County Administrator and his designees under the authority of Executive Order 20-51 and/or Executive Order 20-52 in response to the threat of COVID-19 to the community. The County Administrator and his designees are hereby authorized to take the appropriate emergency measures authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 19-40. The St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the Plan) is hereby activated and the St. Johns County Administrator shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the Plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people of St. Johns County.

DONE and ORDERED this 17th day of March, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

