

RESOLUTION 02-2020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SEMINOLE AS A RESULT OF THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) OUTBREAK AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE; PROVIDING FOR THE WAIVER OF THE PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES REQUIRED BY LAW PURSUANT TO FLORIDA STATUTE CHAPTER 252; PROVIDING FOR THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE MAYOR ON MARCH 17, 2020; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF.

WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak poses a serious potential threat to the residents of the City of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, it is therefore necessary for the City of Seminole to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has strongly suggested that municipalities and private entities limit or postpone mass gatherings; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Seminole to declare a State of Emergency allowing the City to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public works and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.

2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Seminole issued a Proclamation of Local Emergency on March 17, 2020, providing for declaration of a State of Local Emergency within the City of Seminole.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of residents of Seminole, Florida.

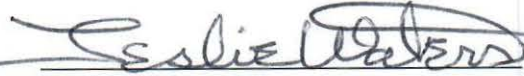
Section 2. A state of Local Emergency exists effective the 17th day of March, 2020, and shall be effective until rescinded for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Seminole, Florida.

Section 3. The procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision are hereby waived as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

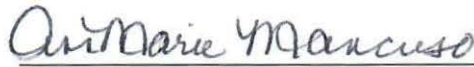
Section 4. The City of Seminole hereby ratifies the Proclamation of Local Emergency of the Mayor.

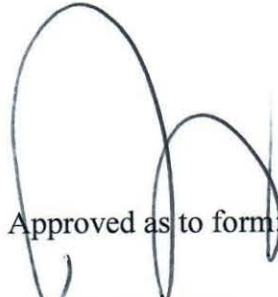
Section 5. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THIS 24th day of March, 2020.


Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:


Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk


Approved as to form:
Jay Daigneault, City Attorney