MIAMI-DADE COUNTY DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to Miami-Dade County residents, particularly elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, responding to the threat posed by COVID-19/novel Coronavirus may require extraordinary and immediate actions by Miami-Dade County in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby declare a State of Local Emergency, effective as of 9:00 AM March 12, 2020, that will continue for seven (7) days thereafter or if cancelled before that period of time. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County.

Pursuant to this Declaration, further orders may be issued to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community. Such orders may include, but are not limited to, orders related to the items listed in 1a-p attached. The Deputy Mayors, through the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, are hereby ordered to take whatever prudent actions are necessary to effectuate such orders and to otherwise protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Enacted: ____________________________
Signed: ____________________________
COUNTY MAYOR

Date: 3/11/2020  
Time: 2:30

Witness: ____________________________

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Action Options for State of Local Emergency

1. Executive Orders of the Mayor to include:

a) Employee Recall order: An order recalling Miami-Dade County employees from vacation, canceling days off, and mobilizing all personnel required for disaster response;

b) Authorizing the Internal Services Department to suspend normal leasing and bid procedures to procure space, structures or other items under their normal authority for disaster response determined necessary by the Director;

c) Authorizing procurement of supplies, equipment, and services without formal bidding procedures;

d) Evacuation Order: A mandatory order(s) directing the evacuation of appropriate area(s) of the County deemed to be in imminent danger from disaster;

e) Curfew: In the period before, or during and immediately after an event, an order imposing a general curfew applicable to the County as a whole, or to geographical area(s) of the County and during hours the Mayor deems necessary, and from time to time, to modify the hours the curfew will be in effect and what area(s) it applies to;

f) An order requiring any and all commercial establishments located in area(s) of imminent or actual danger to close and remain closed until further order;

gh) An order requiring the closure of any or all bars, taverns, liquor stores, and other business establishments where alcoholic beverages are predominantly sold or otherwise dispensed; provided that with respect to those business establishments which are not primarily devoted to the sales of alcoholic beverages, and in which such alcoholic beverages may be removed or made secure from seizure by the public, the portions thereof utilized for the sale of items other than alcoholic beverages may, at the discretion of the Mayor, be allowed to remain open;

h) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of alcoholic beverages in any or all parts of Miami-Dade County;

i) An order requiring the discontinuance of the sale, distribution or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly attached to a gas powered vehicle;
j) Intentionally Omitted;

k) An order closing to the public any or all public places including streets, alleys, public ways, schools, parks, beaches, amusement areas and public buildings;

l) In addition to the provisions of Chapter 8A-5 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, orders to prevent price gouging for any essential commodity, dwelling unit, or storage facility;

m) Orders requesting the conservation of water supplies;

n) Such other orders as are immediately necessary for the protection of life and property; provided, however, that any such orders shall, at the earliest practicable time, be presented to the Board for ratification or confirmation in accordance with chapter 8B.

o) The Mayor shall cause any proclamation ordered by the Mayor or the Board pursuant to the authority in this chapter to be delivered to all news media within the County, and shall utilize whatever available means to give public notice of such proclamation.

p) The Mayor is hereby authorized to cancel any or all meetings of Miami-Dade County boards, authorities, agencies, instrumentalities and councils.