

RESOLUTION 2021 - 41

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING PROCLAMATIONS OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2011, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida adopted Ordinance 2001-05; later codified as Chapter 26 of the *Bradford County Code of Ordinances* (hereinafter referred to as the *Code*) invoking the powers provided for in Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-8(a) of the *Code*, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida granted authority to the Emergency Management Director to declare, by proclamation, a state of local emergency from time to time when it is determined that conditions exist giving rise to such a declaration, and;

WHEREAS, according to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), *Florida Statutes*, the duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven days and may be extended, as necessary, in seven-day increments; and

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness that appears to occur through respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-51*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of

COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a public health emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State of Florida Surgeon General and State Health Officer, by virtue of the Governor's *Executive Order 20-51* and Section 381.00315, *Florida Statutes*, issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency declaring that a public health emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-52*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida to address the public health emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout the United States and thousands of people have tested positive in many states including the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, given the foregoing, former Bradford County Emergency Management Director Lt. Raymond Shuford issued a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2021 given the foregoing, Bradford County Emergency Management Director LT. Brad Witt issued proclamations sustaining and continuing the aforementioned declared state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida finds that the aforementioned declarations of a state of local emergency, (1) for the period beginning on October

26, 2021 and continuing through November 1, 2021; were and remain in best interest of Bradford County, Florida and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida as follows:

Section 1. Adoption and Incorporation of Recitals.

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida adopts the above-outlined recitals and incorporates them herein as part and parcel of this resolution.

Section 2. Purpose and Authority for Resolution.

This resolution is adopted for the purpose of confirming the (1) October 26, 2021 by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director declaring a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapters 125 and 252, *Florida Statutes*, Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code of Ordinances* and Executive Order 20-52 issued by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Section 3. Confirmation of Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency.

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida hereby confirms (1) October 26, 2021 proclamations by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director declaring a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, which are attached hereto as Exhibit 1 respectively and incorporated herein by reference, and declares a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida hereby confirms (1) for the period beginning on October 26, 2021 and continuing November 1, 2021.

Section 4. Effective Date of Resolution.

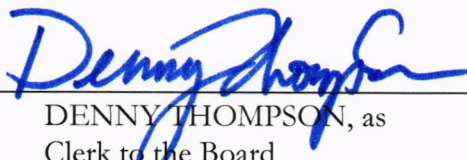
This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting through the use of communications media technology pursuant to Executive Order 20-69 issued March 20, 2020 by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis and Bradford County *Emergency Order 2020-05* issued April 14, 2020 by former Bradford County Emergency Management Director, Lt. Raymond Shuford and adopted, approved and ratified by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida November 1, 2021.

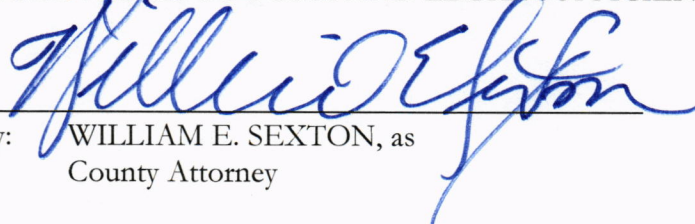
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA


By: JOSEPH C. DOUGHERTY, as its
Chairman

ATTEST:


By: DENNY THOMPSON, as
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


By: WILLIAM E. SEXTON, as
County Attorney

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

A PROCLAMATION BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19); AND AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 252.38(3)(a)(5), *FLORIDA STATUTES*.

WHEREAS, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe respiratory illness that appears to occur through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared a public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared that a public health emergency exists nationwide as a result of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of February 29, 2020, COVID-19 spread throughout China and to 67 other countries and territories including hundreds of cases within the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that all states and territories implement aggressive measures to slow and contain transmission of COVID-19 in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-51*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring that appropriate measures to control the spread of COVID-19 in the State of Florida are necessary, and therefore directed that a public health emergency be declared in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 2, 2020, the State of Florida Surgeon General and State Health Officer, by virtue of the Governor's executive order and Section 381.00315, *Florida Statutes*, issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency declaring a public health emergency in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Director of the Division of Emergency Management to activate the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 2 to provide coordination and response to the COVID-19 emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 20-52*, the terms of which are incorporated herein, declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida to address the public health emergency caused by the threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of March 13, 2020, COVID-19 has spread throughout the United States and thousands of people have tested positive in many states including the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump declared a national emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, as of March 17, 2020, COVID-19 is a threat to the public health, safety and welfare of Bradford County residents, employees and visitors; and

WHEREAS, as of the date of this proclamation, said *Executive Order 20-51* and said *Executive Order 20-52* continue in effect; placing all of Florida's 67 counties under a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, *Florida Statutes*, states: "safeguarding the life and property of... citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state" and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, a review of all relevant factors, including the information outlined herein, indicates that the effects of COVID-19 do and will continue to pose a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and specifically to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat associated with COVID-19 requires timely precautions to be taken to protect the community, critical infrastructure and general welfare of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the ongoing threat of the effects COVID-19 represents a severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida; and

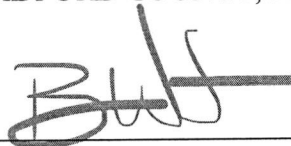
WHEREAS, said severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County represents a true and active emergency; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local state of emergency under these conditions is determined to be in the best interest of Bradford County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code*, and Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, and further pursuant to the authority provided in *Executive Order 20-51* and *Executive Order 20-52*, for the aforementioned and above-outlined reasons, the undersigned, Lt. BRAD WITT hereby declares and proclaims a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida, for the period commencing on October 26, 2021 and continuing through November 1, 2021; and (2) activates the *Bradford County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and authorize the utilization of the emergency powers provided under Sections 252.31 through 252.62, *Florida Statutes*.

PROCLAIMED this 26th day of October 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Witt', is written over a horizontal line.

By: Lt. BRAD WITT, as its
Emergency Management Director