

RESOLUTION 2021 - 19

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.

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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 June 22, 2021, June 29, 2021, July 6, 2021 and July 13, 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