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RESOLUTION # 2021 - 33

RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY COVID-19

Extension October 1, 2021 through October 7, 2021

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissions of Holmes County, Florida on the 27thth day of August 2021, passed a resolution that COVID-19 poses a serious threat to the lives of the residents of Holmes County and that a Local State of an Emergency was declared; and

WHEREAS, to extend the original Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in the position to continue to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Holmes County, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be extended from October 1st, 2021 and to remain in effect through October 7th, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County is empowered by Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes to declare a state of local emergency; and

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

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 as "high", both in the United States and throughout the world; and

WHEREAS. On March 13, 2020, President Trump declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(b) of Stafford Act, declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on February 24th, 2021, President Biden extended the national emergency declaration due to COVID-19 continuing to cause significant risk to the public health and safety of the Nation, beginning March 1st, 2020 to continue in effect beyond March 1st, 2021; and

WHEREAS, under current circumstances, certain people will have an increased risk of infection, for example healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical services workers caring for patients with COVID-19 and other close contacts of persons with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Holmes County to take protective measures – including procurement of personal protective equipment, consequence management, and similar activities to support the public health and safety of the community; 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, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions within Holmes County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Holmes County resolves that it is necessary to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County continues the Local State of Emergency, the 1st day of October, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days and will be extended for seven-day periods until the threat has passed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, has caused this Resolution to be enacted and executed on this 4th day of October, 2021.

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