

# Declaration

## DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, I issued a Declaration of Emergency, declaring a Local State of Emergency in Broward County due to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a serious respiratory illness that is highly contagious, can be fatal, and has already caused the death of a number of County residents;

**WHEREAS**, I renewed that Declaration of Emergency on March 17, 24, and 31, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, May 5, 12, 19, and 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, July 7, 14, 21, and 28, August 4, 11, 18, and 25, September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, October 6, 13, 20, and 27, November 3, 10, 17, and 24, and December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2020, January 5, 12, 19, and 26, and February 2 and 9, 2021, due to the continuation of the outbreak (the aforementioned Declarations of Emergency shall be collectively referred to as the "Declarations of Emergency");

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 continues to constitute a clear and present threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Broward County for the reasons more fully described in the Declarations of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Declarations of Emergency set forth certain legal authorities that vest my office with emergency powers during the Local State of Emergency,

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

I, Bertha Henry, County Administrator of Broward County, Florida, do hereby find for the reasons set forth above and in the Declarations of Emergency that a local State of Emergency continues to exist within Broward County, Florida.

Pursuant to pertinent legal authorities, my Office is vested with all powers and authority granted to said position during the existence of the State of Emergency proclaimed hereby.

Furthermore, all procedures and formalities are hereby waived pursuant to state law and Section 8-53 of the County Code.

My Office shall issue such Emergency Orders as are required to conduct County business and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of people within Broward County, including, without limitation and to the extent permitted under applicable law or emergency authority, to institute a curfew, order the closure of County facilities, restrict travel and movement within Broward County, order evacuations, and such other actions deemed necessary for public safety.

All directives provided in the previous Declarations of Emergency and any orders issued pursuant thereto, including any amendments to such orders, if any, remain in effect.

This Declaration shall take effect at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, and shall continue for seven days from the date and time hereof unless modified by proper authority.

BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 

Bertha Henry  
County Administrator

RECEIVED AND FILED in the Records, Taxes and Treasury Division on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021, at 4:00 p.m.