



**CITY OF OCOEE
PROCLAMATION**

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF OCOEE,
FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE
CITY OF OCOEE DUE TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (“COVID-19”).**

WHEREAS, the City Charter authorizes the Mayor to exercise emergency powers enumerated in Florida's Emergency Management Act appropriate to Municipal Government; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor may declare a State of Emergency exists; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management provides for Local Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) raised its assessment of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) threat from high to very high and declared the public health emergency of international concern related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for disease Control and Prevention has declared the potential health threat posed by COVID-19 as "high," both in the United States and throughout the world; has spread world-wide including 49 states in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-51, 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, Orange County is currently under a State of Emergency (See Emergency Executive Orders 2020-01, 2020-02, and 2020-03); and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Ocoee, Florida has determined that a local state of emergency exists and hereby declares a Declaration of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ocoee, Florida, may need assistance from the State of Florida to assist in the protection of public health; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE
CITY OF OCOEE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Emergency Declaration

The Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") poses a serious threat to the health of the residents and visitors of Orange County. A Local State of Emergency is declared effective immediately.

SECTION 2. Procedures and Formalities Waived.

Due to the Local State of Emergency, effectively immediately, the procedures and formalities required by the City by law or ordinance are hereby waived as they pertain to:

- (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- (b) Entering into contracts;
- (c) Incurring obligations;
- (d) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- (e) Utilization of volunteer hours;
- (f) Rental of equipment;
- (g) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
- (h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

SECTION 3. Personnel, Public Facilities and Parks

In order to provide for the public safety and welfare during this State of Emergency, it is hereby authorized that City Department Heads and Division Managers take whatever actions deemed necessary by the City Manager with respect to scheduling of personnel and suspend any

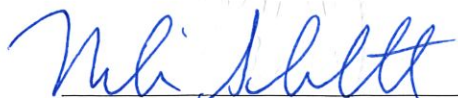
provisions of any collective bargaining agreement which would restrict such decisions. Closures of City Facilities, City Parks, and Boat Ramp will also be in effect to assist in the protection of public health and City staff.

Proclaimed at 5:09 p.m. this 23rd of March, 2020.

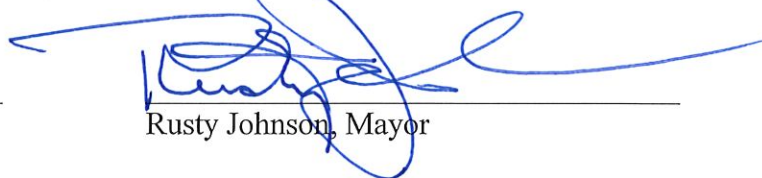
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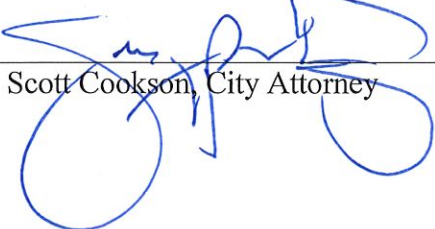
Melanie Sibbitt, City Clerk



Rusty Johnson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY

By:



Scott Cookson, City Attorney