

## DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 1, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-51, which established “COVID-19 Response Protocol and Directs Public Health Emergency” in response to the growing and significant outbreak of COVID-19 in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Ron DeSantis, issued on March 9, 2020, Executive Order Number 20-52, which established a State of Emergency for the State of Florida declaring COVID-19 as a public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”), recommends community preparedness, everyday prevention and mitigation measures be taken by all individuals, families, and communities in the United States to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Town of Ocean Ridge to use all available preventative and mitigation measures to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 18-8 of the Town of Ocean Ridge Code of Ordinances authorizes among other things, emergency procurement procedures during a State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution 2020-08, adopted on March 26, 2020, the Town Commission gave authority to the Town Manager to declare a local state of emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED BY THE TOWN MANAGER OF THE TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:**

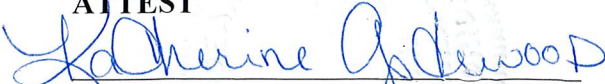
**Section 1.** A Declaration of a State of Local Emergency is hereby declared in the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, on March 30, 2020, in response to the public emergency that COVID-19 poses.

**Section 2.** The Town Manager or designee, is hereby authorized to take any and all actions deemed necessary to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Ocean Ridge and the public at-large, and as more particularly set forth in section 18-8 of the Code of Ordinances and as provided by Resolution 2020-08 in order to combat the spread of COVID-19.

**Section 3.** The State of Local Emergency shall remain in full force and effect until terminated by the Town Manager, with such termination to be ratified by the Town Commission in accordance with section 2-30 of the Code of ordinances.

**DECLARED** by the Town Manager of the Town of Ocean Ridge, Florida, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

**ATTEST**

  
Katherine Gatewood, Asst. Town Clerk

**TOWN OF OCEAN RIDGE, FLORIDA**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Tracey L. Stevens, Town Manager