CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2020-139

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE MAYOR'S EXTENSION OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY ARISING FROM THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order number 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-91 and Executive Order 20-92 directing all persons in Florida to limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home only to those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-112 initiating "Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery"; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-114 extending the statewide state of emergency until July 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on June 5, 2020, the Governor's Executive Order 20-139 initiated "Phase 2: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery" and extended the exceptions provided for in Executive Order 20-69, relating to local government meetings, until June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-166 extending the statewide state of emergency, as well as those exceptions provided for in Executive Order 20-69, until September 5, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-179 amending order 20-69 creating statutory exceptions related to budget hearings and extending the statewide state of emergency until September 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-

193 extending the statewide state of emergency, as well as those exceptions provided for in Executive Order 20-69, until October 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-213 extending the statewide state of emergency, as well as those exceptions provided for in Executive Order 20-52; and

WHEREAS, on September 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-246 extending the statewide state of emergency, as well as those exceptions provided for in Executive Order 20-69; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-276 extending the statewide state of emergency until 12:01 a.m. on January 2, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Council Resolution 2020-45 the Mayor is authorized to extend the City's state of emergency related to COVID-19, and the Mayor has issued his Proclamations extending the current state of emergency, copies of which are attached hereto as "Exhibits A, B, and C"; and

WHEREAS, the City Council, in order to protect the welfare and safety of the citizens of the City and their property, finds it necessary to ratify the Mayor's extension of the state of emergency proclaimed by the Mayor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above recitals are all true and accurate and are incorporated herein and made a part of this resolution.

Section 2. The City Council ratifies and extends the state of emergency declared pursuant to the Mayor's Proclamations as well the provisions included in City Council Resolution 2020-033.

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Section 3. This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the City Council this ____ day of December 2020.

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CITY OF LAKE CITY, FLORIDA

By: _____
    Stephen M. Witt, Mayor

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ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

By: _____
    Audrey E. Sikes, City Clerk

By: _____
    Frederick L. Koberlein, Jr.
    City Attorney

Proclamation

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION
COVID-19

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of the County and healthcare, first responders, and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread amongst the population by various means of exposure, including the propensity to spread person to person and the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thereby spreading from surface to person and causing increased infections to persons; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have consistently recommended avoiding close physical interaction between person in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and the CDC has updated and further restricted its distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") released Guidelines for Opening Up America Again, a three-phased approach based on the advice of public health experts; and

WHEREAS, data collected by the State Department of Health indicates a flattening of the curve of COVID-19 reported cases, including a downward trajectory of hospital visits for influenza like illnesses and COVID-19 like syndromic cases, a decrease in percent-positive test results, and an increase in hospital capacity since March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, City Council Resolution 2020-045 extended the state of emergency and vested the authority to extend the state of emergency in the Mayor; and
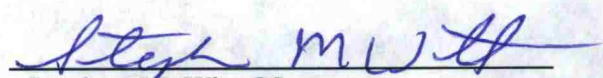
WHEREAS, this Proclamation is issued to extend the state of emergency for seven (7) days effective November 17, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida, do hereby extend the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 health concerns for an additional seven (7) days effective November 17, 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 17th day of November 2020.

Stephen M. Witt
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City

Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

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Proclamation

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION
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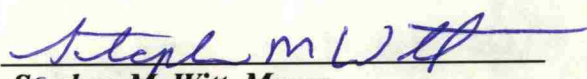
WHEREAS, this Proclamation is issued to extend the state of emergency for seven (7) days effective November 24, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida, do hereby extend the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 health concerns for an additional seven (7) days effective November 24, 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 24th day of November 2020.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City

Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

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EXHIBIT C

Proclamation

STATE OF EMERGENCY EXTENSION
COVID-19

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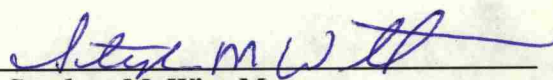
WHEREAS, this Proclamation is issued to extend the state of emergency for seven (7) days effective December 1, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Stephen M. Witt, Mayor of the City of Lake City, Florida, do hereby extend the State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 health concerns for an additional seven (7) days effective December 1, 2020.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 1st day of December 2020.

Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
Stephen M. Witt, Mayor
City of Lake City

Seal of the City of Lake City
State of Florida

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