

Deputy Clerk UWILLIAMS

EMERGENCY ORDER

2020-060

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER RESCINDING EMERGENCY
ORDER 2020-027 WHICH HAD CLOSED BLUE SPRINGS
PARK AND HENRY BECK PARK.**

WHEREAS, Levy County is under federal, State and Local States of Emergency as the result of the novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) pandemic, pursuant to the March 13, 2020 enactment of a National State of Emergency by President Donald J. Trump, Executive Orders 20-51 and 20-52 issued by Governor Ron DeSantis (on March 1 and March 9, 2020, respectively), as extended by the Governor’s Executive Order 20-114 issued May 8, 2020, and Levy County Emergency Declaration 2020-020 dated March 17, 2020 as extended and altered by several subsequent Emergency Declarations which have or will have been ratified by the Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) as of the date of this Emergency Order; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of a state of emergency for the State of Florida by Executive Order 20-52, as extended by Executive Order 20-114, Governor Ron DeSantis issued several executive orders closing beaches throughout the State, closing bars and taverns, closing gyms and fitness centers, and otherwise imposing restrictions on movement and personal interactions in order to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since the declaration of a state of emergency in Levy County by Emergency Declaration 2020-020, as extended, the Board adopted Emergency Order 2020-026 limiting gatherings of ten or more people as directed by Governor DeSantis’ Executive Orders and to address concerns over the spread of COVID-19 in Levy County, which Emergency Order 2020-026 has been amended over time, and restated in Emergency Order 2020-057 on May 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Emergency Orders providing for limitations on gatherings of ten or more people, on March 31, 2020, the Board adopted Emergency Order 2020-027 closing Blue Springs Park and Henry Beck Park and all facilities located at those parks; and

WHEREAS, in the weeks since the state and local declarations of emergency, and since the adoption of County Emergency Orders limiting gatherings and closing Blue Springs Park and Henry Beck Park, Florida's COVID-19 infection and death rates have improved, with a corresponding reduction in demand on health care facilities related to COVID-19, and Levy County's infection rates have remained very low with no deaths in the County due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as part of the recovery from the effects of COVID-19 and in response to the improvement in Florida's infection and death rates, on and since May 4, 2020, Governor DeSantis adopted several Executive Orders beginning implementation of a phased plan designed to reopen Florida's economy and services, which plan is entitled *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery*; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2020, in response to the relatively low numbers of COVID-19 infection in the County and continued anticipated improvement, the Board adopted the *Levy County BOCC COVID-19 Phased Re-Opening Guide* ("County Guide"); and

WHEREAS, as part of the recovery for Levy County from the effects of COVID-19 and to reflect Levy County's low infection rates, on and since April 30, 2020, the Board adopted several Emergency Orders amending Emergency Order 2020-026 in order to implement the guidelines contained in the County Guide as adjusted by the Governor's plan for recovery reflected through the Governor's Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, also as part of the Board's efforts for recovery from the effects of COVID-19 on the County, on May 26, 2020, the Board voted to rescind Emergency Order 2020-027, thereby reopening Blue Springs Park and Henry Beck Park, and authorized the Chair to enact such an order; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that it is in the best interests of the public to rescind Emergency Order 2020-027 and reopen Blue Springs Park and Henry Beck Park;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED as follows:

Emergency Order 2020-027 is hereby rescinded and shall be of no further force and effect.

ENACTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS this 26th day of May, 2020, and to be ratified the 2nd day of June, 2020, or as soon thereafter as a quorum of the Board can meet.

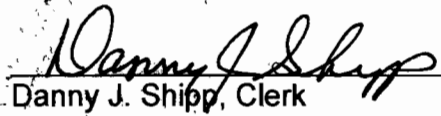
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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Matt Brooks, Chair

ATTEST: Clerk of the Circuit Court
And Ex Officio Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners



Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:



Anne Bast Brown, County Attorney

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