NASSAU COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART 1, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES

Resolution No. 2020-35

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Manager, Nassau County Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Health Department have been monitoring the local impacts from The Coronavirus, (COVID-19) event; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has declared a State of Emergency for the country to address the public health threat to the United States of America as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed an executive order declaring a state of emergency (No. 20-52) for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Coronavirus (COVID-19) National outbreak the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center has been activated; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that "[s]afeguarding the life and property of [the county's] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state", and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, in order to be in a position to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Nassau County and the State of Florida, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be invoked on the <u>18th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this <u>18th</u> day of <u>March</u>, 2020, that a State of Local Emergency is declared for all territory within the legal boundaries of Nassau County, including that all unincorporated and incorporated areas shall be embraced by the provisions of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority under Chapter 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (Res. 2019-103) (1) the Board of County Commissioners adopts the above recitals as legislative findings of fact; (2) a state of local emergency exists and is affecting Nassau County due to the threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to spread among humans, posing a threat to public health to

public health and safety, and (3) this emergency is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action,(4) The Board of County Commissioners hereby ratifies all emergency measures taken by the County Manager and his designees. (5) The County Manager and his designees are hereby authorized to take the appropriate emergency measures authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Nassau County Emergency Management Plan. (Res. 2019-103)

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

Daniel B. Leep

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

MICHAEL S. MULLIN