

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A  
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROCLAMATION 2020-03  
CURFEW RELATED TO CIVIL UNREST**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida (the "Board") has adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance, being codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the "Ordinance"), providing authorization for the Board or its designee to declare a local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, protests have been occurring in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida, that have been mostly peaceful in nature; and

WHEREAS, some of the protests have resulted in physical violence, most recently on Saturday, August 29, 2020, which escalated when an individual brandished a firearm before nearby law enforcement was able to intercede; and

WHEREAS, in light of the violence that has recently taken place at local protests, which have escalated in seriousness and the potential for bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, coordination with law enforcement regarding lawful assemblies does not always occur; and

WHEREAS, various factions may attempt to disrupt lawful assemblies in the future; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement information indicates that persons are requesting funds, people, and equipment to respond to future threats in a manner that could lead to and escalate potential interactions and result in bodily harm; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement resources may not be immediately available to respond and intercede in a manner that would prevent escalating physical violence and the risk of bodily harm that may occur at impromptu protests; and

WHEREAS, the previous occurrences of physical violence and the threat of continued escalating occurrences pose a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, violence has occurred in other communities around the country that required the imposition of curfews; and

WHEREAS, curfews have been imposed locally in response to civil unrest and the potential for continued civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, local law enforcement has requested the establishment of a curfew; and

WHEREAS, an Emergency as defined in the Ordinance exists in Leon County; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient action is necessary to safeguard lives and property affected by the Emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the Ordinance, as Chairman of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, after consultation with local authorities, I find as follows:

1. State of Emergency. A local State of Emergency exists requiring immediate and expeditious action as a result of the threat of bodily harm and continued threat of bodily harm within Leon County, and will continue to exist for a period of six days, effective 11:00 p.m. on September 2, 2020, in accordance with Section 2-307 of the Code of Laws of Leon County.

2. Curfew.

(a) In order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, a curfew is established in all of Leon County, Florida, from the hours of 11:00 p.m. until 5:00 a.m., commencing on September 2, 2020.


(b) The curfew applies to all pedestrian and vehicular movement, standing and parking, except for: individuals participating in, going to, or returning from employment, including, but not limited to, federal, state, and local government employees, judicial personnel, those providing hospital and other health care services, first responder and correctional personnel, child protection and child welfare personnel, housing and shelter personnel, veterinary services personnel, postal and shipping services personnel, airline and airport personnel, and those performing utility and telecommunications repairs. Medical patients in need of transport, persons seeking medical care, and persons seeking emergency veterinary services for a pet animal are also excluded from the curfew. The curfew does not prohibit a person from walking a pet animal on the premises of the residence at which the animal is being maintained.

(c) Refusal to comply with the curfew shall be punishable in accordance with Section 1-9, of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida.

THIS PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida.

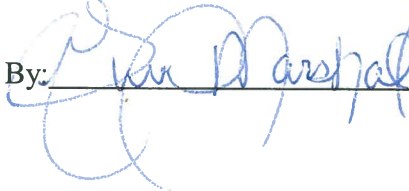

Dated this 2nd day of September, 2020.


LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Bryan Desloge, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:  
Gwendolyn Marshall, Clerk of Court  
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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