

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency in response to COVID-19, on March 9, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners met on March 13, 2020, concerning the threat of COVID-19, also known as “**Corona Virus**”, a global pandemic that will impact the State of Florida, and has declared a “**Local State of Emergency**”; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, the Governor of the State of Florida, Ron DeSantis, issued Executive Order 20-68 issuing specific guidelines regarding closures of bars, pubs and nightclubs effective 5 P.M. on March 17, 2020 and directed strict adherence to social distancing guidelines regarding beaches and restaurants as outlined by the CDC and WHO.

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control “**CDC**”, and the World Health Organization “**WHO**” have recommended both social distancing and self-quarantines to control the spread and alleviate the potential strain on healthcare related infrastructure and resources; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Proclamation is to implement the Town’s Emergency Management Plans and Ordinances, and authorize all Town officers, employees, and agents to perform their respective duties, functions, and obligations as set forth therein, and in the State Emergency Management Act and the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and all other legal authority, under the general direction and control of the Incident Commander as required by law; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, prescribes the establishment of a local emergency management agency, the appointment of a director thereof, the power and authority thereof, and the power and authority of local boards and agencies in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252 and Governor DeSantis’ Executive Order authorize the waiver of procedures and formalities of law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever measures are necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;

7. Acquisition and distribution of supplies, materials, and facilities without compensation; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

WHEREAS, a quorum of the Town Council met on March 17, 2020 at 3:30 P.M., declaring a **“State of Emergency”**, as provided by Chapter 26-72 of the Town Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Patrick C. Soranno, Mayor of the Town of Indian Shores, Pinellas County, Florida, do hereby proclaim pursuant to Chapter 26-72 of the Town Code, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, a **“State of Emergency”** exists in the Town beginning at 4:00 P.M. on March 17, 2020, and in furtherance thereof for the protection of the life, health, safety and welfare of the community, require as follows:

1. That the provisions of Chapter 26-72, Town Code, shall be in full force and effect for the duration of the Proclamation of Local State of Emergency.
2. Pursuant to the Governor’s Order, citizens are directed to limit gatherings of ten (10) or more and to adhere to social distancing and personal sanitation practices is recommended in accordance with the CDC and WHO guidelines.
3. No permits for gatherings in excess of ten (10) people will be issued until further notice.

ATTEST:


Patrick C. Soranno
Mayor


Freddie Lozano
Town Clerk