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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER 01-20

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, thereby waiving the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-51 directing the State Health Officer and Surgeon General to declare a Public Health Emergency due to the discovery of COVID-19/novel Coronavirus in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, the Governor of Florida issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a State of Emergency for the state of Florida related to COVID-19/novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, a State of Emergency was declared for all of Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19/novel Coronavirus poses a health risk to Miami-Dade County residents, particularly elderly residents; and

WHEREAS, Congregate Meal Sites and Community Centers as listed on Exhibit A hereto are locations where elderly residents interact for long periods of time; and

WHEREAS, minimization of contact is necessary to avoid risk of COVID-19 infection for the elderly community in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Congregate Meal Sites and Community Centers is necessary in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby order:

1. The Congregate Meal Sites and Community Centers listed on the attached Exhibit A, and any other facility providing meal services to the elderly pursuant to authorization by the Department of Elder Affairs are hereby ordered to close, or otherwise cease all programs to deliver personal services to the elderly, effective March 16, 2020. Notwithstanding, staff employed at such sites may continue business operations which do not involve the delivery of personal services to the elderly population. This order does not apply to Assisted Living Facilities as defined under Chapter 429.02, Fla. Stat, Adult Day Cares as defined under 429.901 Fla. Stat, or Nursing Homes as defined in Chapter 400.021 Fla. Stat.
2. County staff are directed to take all appropriate measures to provide food service during the duration of this Order. Such measures may include the purchase of goods and services, including but not limited to food services, personal protective equipment, delivery services, and refrigerated vehicles, without competitive solicitation as authorized by Executive Order Number 20-52 and the existing Miami-Dade County State of Local Emergency.
3. This Order shall expire upon the expiration of the existing Miami-Dade County State of Local Emergency, except that if such State of Local Emergency is extended, this Order shall also be deemed to extend for the duration of such extension. This Order may be cancelled earlier by action of the County Mayor.
4. This Order shall be provided to all appropriate media consistent with the requirements of Chapter 8B-7(2)(n) of the Code of Miami-Dade County.