

**CITY OF ORLANDO, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
CITY OF ORLANDO EXECUTIVE ORDER**

Date: 3/17/2020
Time: 10:10 a.m.
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WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order 20-51 on March 1, 2020 declaring a public health emergency as the result of the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, as the virus spread Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, declaring a general state of emergency in all the counties of the state; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump has declared a National State of Emergency on March 13, 2020, due to the COVID-19 virus; and,

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has determined that the COVID-19 virus is a global pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, there is no vaccine to prevent the spread of the virus and the virus has the potential to overwhelm the healthcare system unless the transmission of the virus is reduced by limiting the opportunities for the virus to be spread from person to person; and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and the Centers for Disease control have issued certain guidance restricting the size of gatherings and such guidance continues to change on a rapid basis; and,

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, the United States has 3,244 confirmed cases and 62 deaths, the State of Florida has 115 confirmed cases and 4 deaths, and, at present, Alachua County is known to have 4 confirmed cases; and,

WHEREAS, the number of suspected and diagnosed cases in the State of Florida and specifically in Central Florida, including the City of Orlando, are expected to increase, exposing the citizens of this region to risk of infection; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Orlando has already declared an emergency by virtue of the Mayor's earlier order, as a part of mitigation of this pandemic; and

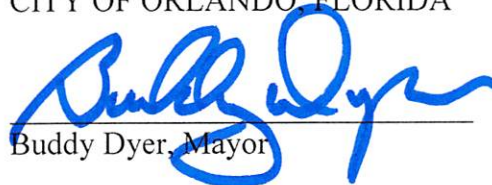
WHEREAS, it is incumbent upon citizens and local, state and federal government to take all reasonable and necessary steps to slow the spread of this dangerous disease, including steps to limit the consumption of alcohol on premises in close quarters, which heightens the risk of infection and the spread of this disease; and

WHEREAS, the consumption of alcohol in close quarters, particularly on holidays that are traditionally celebrated with large crowds in highly socialized environments, can and if not limited, will contribute to heightened risk to the citizens of this community;

NOW THEREFORE, I BUDDY DYER, as Mayor of the City of Orlando and pursuant to the authority vested in me by state laws and Orlando ordinances and in accordance with the provisions of section 43A of the City Code of the City of Orlando, hereby declare that, effective immediately, until further notice from the Office of the Mayor, all persons are prohibited from selling or distributing any alcoholic beverage, with or without payment or consideration therefor, for consumption on the premises within the City of Orlando.

This declaration shall be effective immediately upon my execution, and shall be effective for seven days from the date and time hereof, unless otherwise terminated or extended in accordance with applicable law.

CITY OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA



Buddy Dyer, Mayor

cc: City Commissioners
Chief of Police
Fire Chief
City Clerk