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TO: Eden Bentley, County Attorney

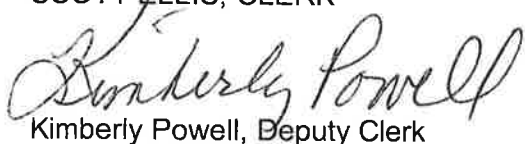
RE: Item II, Discuss Commission Consideration of Policy Group's Recommendation of Social Distancing

The Board of County Commissioners, in special session on April 13, 2020, adopted Resolution No. 20-031, for the consideration of the Policy Group's recommendation on Social Distancing. Enclosed is a copy of the Resolution.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Deputy Clerk

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Encl. (1)

cc: Each Commissioner

PROCLAMATION REGARDING SOCIAL DISTANCING AND ADHERENCE TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, a State of Local Emergency was declared by Brevard County (Covid-19 Document #1); and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 the First Amendment to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued (COVID-19 Document #2); and

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020 the Second Amendment to the State of Local Emergency Proclamation was issued to close all beach public parking access in Brevard County (COVID-19 Document #3); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus continues to pose an imminent health hazard and an increased risk of infection to residents of Brevard County and first responders, healthcare and emergency medical service workers caring for patients with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-83, directing the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer to issue a public health advisory urging the public to avoid all social or recreational gatherings of 10 or more people and urging those who can work remotely to do so; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 20-91 wherein he ordered that persons who are 65 years of age or older and persons who have significant underlying medical conditions shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 20-91, Governor DeSantis further ordered that all persons in Florida shall limit their movements and personal interactions outside of their home to only those necessary to obtain or provide essential services or conduct essential activities; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County intends to fully comply with Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 20-91 and act locally to ensure that the people in Florida are staying home except for the limited purpose of obtaining or providing essential services or conducting essential activities; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is spread amongst the population by various means of exposure, including the propensity to spread person to person and the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thereby spreading from surface to person and causing increased infections to persons; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have consistently recommended avoiding close physical interaction between people in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, and the Center for Disease Control has updated and further restricted its distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, Brevard County residents have used their best efforts to comply with the requirements of the Center for Disease Control, and

WHEREAS, leadership, communication, and guidance from the Board of County Commissioners of Brevard County, Florida, is instrumental in slowing the spread of COVID-19 in Brevard County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners wishes to ensure all businesses in Brevard County, Florida adhere to the recommendations of the health professionals working to ensure the well-being of all residents while continuing to meet the requirements of Executive Order 20-91;

NOW THEREFORE, the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BREVARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, proclaims as follows:

1. **Businesses**. To effectuate the limitations on residents of the State of Florida ordered by the Governor in Executive Order 20-91, all businesses in Brevard County, Florida are advised to adhere to the following minimum standards:
 - a. All employees and patrons are to practice social distancing by staying at least six (6) feet apart;
 - b. Group meetings, trainings, and other gatherings are to be limited to ten (10) persons or less;
 - c. Occupancy should be limited to no more than 30% of the maximum allowable capacity under the fire code for non-residential, non-medical, and non-lodging uses;
 - d. Business should install appropriate signage, floor markings, or such other means as may be necessary to remind customers and employees of the importance of social distancing at entry and exit points, checkout points, staging areas, and the like;
2. **Conflicts**. Nothing herein is intended to conflict with the Governor's Executive Orders 20-83, 20-91, or other applicable law.
3. **Advisory Only**. This recommended proclamation is intended to be advisory in nature only, and not subject to enforcement or penalty upon violation.

DONE, ORDERED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of April, 2020.

ATTEST:



Scott Ellis, Clerk

BREVARD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS

By: 

Bryan Lober, Chair

Approved by the Board April 13, 2020.