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MIAMI-DADE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

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WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a Local State of Emergency for a period of up to seven 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, the respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 ("COVID-19"), 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; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2021, both the State's State of Emergency for COVID-19 and the State Health Officer and Surgeon General's declaration of Public Health Emergency expired; and

WHEREAS, because COVID-19 posed a public health, safety and welfare risk to Miami-Dade County residents, on March 12, 2020, a Local State of Emergency was declared to respond to the threat posed by the COVID-19, and to provide for emergency measures to deal with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, between March 19, 2020, and September 16, 2021, the declaration of Local State of Emergency has been renewed weekly, each time for an additional seven days; and

WHEREAS, even though the State's State of Emergency has expired, Miami-Dade County continues to experience high levels of community spread for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as of September 17, 2021, there have been more than 3,485,163 resident cases of COVID-19 in Florida, including over 649,565 in Miami-Dade County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of section 8B-6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County, affidavits are on file with the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners detailing the need for extending the declaration of State of Local Emergency for longer than 30 days; and

WHEREAS, section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and chapter 8B of the Code of Miami-Dade County authorize the Mayor to extend the Local State of Emergency,

THEREFORE, as County Mayor of Miami-Dade County, I hereby extend the declaration of a Local State of Emergency for an additional period commencing on September 23, 2021, that will continue in effect for seven days if not cancelled at an earlier date. This Local State of Emergency includes all of Miami-Dade County. Concurrent with this declaration, I renew all existing Miami-Dade County Emergency Orders relating to COVID-19, including the authority to take the actions set forth in those Emergency Orders, for the duration of this declaration.

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