



# City of North Miami Beach Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Commission

CC: Daniel A. Espino and Sarah L. Johnston, City Attorney  
Andrise Bernard, City Clerk  
Department Directors

FROM: Esmond K. Scott, City Manager  
William Hernandez, Chief of Police *EKS/amb*

DATE: March 12, 2020

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RE: Declaration of State of Emergency, City NMB-COVID-19 (Updated)

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## **CITY OF NORTH MIAMI BEACH DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION ORDER**

Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 20-51 and 20-52, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis declared a public health emergency as a result of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19"). On March 11, 2020, the Miami-Dade County Mayor, in turn, declared a public health emergency in Miami-Dade County, as a result of mounting presumptive positive cases. The Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization have identified COVID-19 as a highly contagious virus that will cause widespread transmission and will become a major worldwide pandemic with varying public health implications.

In recognition that the COVID-19 outbreak may require immediate and extraordinary actions by the City of North Miami Beach in order to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the public, and pursuant to the North Miami Beach Code of Ordinances Section 2-29 *Emergency Management*, as well as the authority provided in §252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, and §870.043, Florida Statutes, a State of Emergency is hereby declared in the City of North Miami Beach.

To ensure the City is prepared and timely precautions are taken to protect the safety, health, and welfare of the residents of North Miami Beach, a State of Emergency is hereby declared in the City of North Miami Beach with effect from 6:00 pm, March 12, 2020, and will continue for seven (7) days thereafter or if cancelled before that period of time. The following emergency authorization order is issued:

City Manager Esmond K. Scott, Chief of Police William Hernandez, and respective designees are hereby ordered to take whatever prudent and lawful actions are necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

In addition to the authority granted in Section 2-29 *Emergency Management*, the City Manager and Chief of Police are authorized to exercise all emergency powers provided §252.38(3)(a), *Florida Statutes*, including, but not limited to, the suspension of any local law, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency. The City reserves any right, benefit, or assistance offered by the State in Executive Order Nos. 20-51 and 20-52, and reserves its right to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of City by law pertaining to the items listed in the executive order.