

RESOLUTION 2020-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF ST. AUGUSTINE, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION PURSUANT TO A DECLARED FEDERAL, STATE OR LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY OR DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has experienced natural disasters that affect the public safety and general welfare of the citizens of this state, and in response, the Florida legislature enacted the State Emergency Management Act (Chapter 252, Florida Statutes) to provide for emergency procedures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida has experienced public health emergencies, such as its response to the Zika virus, and more recently Executive Order 20-51 declaring a public health emergency related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) pursuant to Section 381.00315, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida may experience future public health emergencies and the City of St. Augustine wishes to follow all state and federal public health emergency directives efficiently and consistent with state and local law; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Officer and Surgeon General has the authority to take all necessary action to protect public health consistent with Section 381.0011(7), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the occurrence of natural disasters and public health emergencies is unpredictable and the response to these public emergencies requires prompt decision-making and administrative action in order to protect the public welfare and interest; and

WHEREAS, the City Charter, Article IV, Division 4, delegates the administrative function of City government to the City Manager, and Ordinance 2019-24 specifically delegates emergency response to the City Manager; and

WHEREAS, local, state and federal disaster and public health preparation, response and recovery may require the execution of orders, contracts, grants, loans, agreements, or other documents by an authorized representative or agent of the City; and

WHEREAS, the City adopted Resolution 2012-14, adopting St. Johns County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan in order to provide more efficient and orderly emergency preparedness and recovery;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida as follows:

Section 1. The City Commission confirms, ratifies and adopts the St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, as may be amended from time to time.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby confirms, ratifies and authorizes the City Manager, or his or her designee, to take all reasonably necessary administrative action to

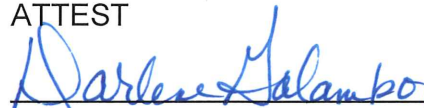
preserve life, property and the public welfare pursuant to a declared federal, state or local state of emergency, or pursuant to a declared federal, state or local public health emergency, including the temporary suspension of local rules and regulations which may impede or delay the City's preparation, response or recovery.

Section 3. The City Commission intends the authority conveyed to the City Manager or designee found in section 2 herein to be plenary, without the need to obtain further approvals from the City Commission during the pendency of a declared state of emergency, or public health emergency, including any necessary related administrative action occurring after the expiration of the declaration of a state of emergency or public health emergency. This authority includes, but is not limited to, the execution and delivery of all related documents pertaining to the City's application and request for public assistance and the designation of the City Manager or designee as the City's official authorized to sign, execute and deliver all federal, state and local disaster or emergency relief funding agreements, grants, or any other related public assistance documents, on behalf of the City of St. Augustine as grantee or sub-grantee.

PASSED IN REGULAR SESSION of the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine, Florida, this 9th day of March, 2020.


Tracy W. Upchurch, Mayor-Commissioner

ATTEST


Darlene Galambos, City Clerk

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