PENSACOLA
FLORIDA'S FIRST & FUTURE

GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV
Mayor

CITY OF PENSACOLA

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY 20-01

WHEREAS, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, on March 13, 2020, declared a state of emergency for the United States of America beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Ron DeSantis, the Governor of the State of Florida, on March 9, 2020, issued Executive Order Number 20-52 declaring a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners, on March 16, 2020, issued Resolution R2020-24 declaring a state of emergency for Escambia County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the propensity to spread from person to person through direct physical contact and through the air; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has the propensity to attach to surfaces for prolonged periods of time, thus causing property damage and continuing the spread of the virus.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grover C. Robinson, IV, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Florida law and Section 2-4-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, and all other applicable laws, do hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. As a result and consequence of the continuing threats to the public health, safety, and welfare, both public and private, in the City of Pensacola caused by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), a state of emergency exists and is in effect beginning March 18, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. central daylight time.

Section 3. Pursuant to City Code section 2-4-8 and within the limits of the federal and state laws and constitutions, the Mayor hereby authorizes and directs the following:

a. Take such emergency measures as determined necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and to ensure the continued functioning of local government.

b. Exercise such emergency management powers granted to political subdivisions by Florida law.

c. Alter normal work schedules and grant the nonessential work force time off with pay.

d. Determine which employees are deemed essential during this emergency.

e. Pay essential employees, both non-exempt and certain ranges of exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act, at overtime rates when required to report for duty during the time the remaining work force is not required to report.

f. Waive or suspend all ordinances, policies, procedures, or customs of the city as the Mayor determines necessary for purchase of commodities and services, for contracts of no more than one (1) year duration, for the assignment of employees, and for the facilitation of reconstruction and repair, both public and private, as the determined necessary.

g. Delegate such powers to staff as determined necessary to the effective administration of the government of the City of Pensacola.

Section 3. The City Administrator or his designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise on behalf of the Mayor, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this declaration, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to other law or ordinance.

Section 4. The City Administrator's exercise of authority pursuant to this memorandum shall exist for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this memorandum.

Section 5. This declaration shall expire in thirty (30) days from the date of this memorandum unless extended or shortened by action of the City Council.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 18th day of March, 2020.

CITY OF PENSACOLA

GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV, MAYOR