



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, a nationwide declaration of emergency was issued due to an outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), a serious respiratory illness that is highly contagious, can be fatal, and has already caused the death of a number of citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States remains under a current state of public health emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County was under a local State of Emergency from March 13, 2020 through June 26, 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has designated the B.1.617.2 variant of the COVID-19 virus, known as the “Delta” variant, a variant of concern for which there is evidence of an increase in transmissibility, more severe disease, and a reduction in neutralization by antibodies generated during previous infection or vaccination <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html> (accessed 8/17/2021); and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has found that the Delta variant has caused a reversal in the downward trajectory of cases, a rapid rise in COVID cases, and an alarming increase in hospitalization rates <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html> (accessed 8/17/2021); and

**WHEREAS**, the Delta variant is currently the predominant strain of the virus in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC has rated the level of community transmission in Palm Beach County as “high,” based on more than 600 new cases per 100,000 persons in the past seven (7) days <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view> (accessed 8/17/2021); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the foregoing, at its August 17, 2021 regular meeting, the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to declare a local State of Emergency relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED THAT,** in accordance with the directive from the Palm Beach County Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to all applicable laws, including, but not limited to, the Palm Beach County Emergency Management Ordinance:

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
2. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Palm Beach County, Florida, and shall continue in full force and effect for seven (7) days, until 12:01 a.m., August 24, 2021.
3. This Declaration shall expire at the date and time set forth herein unless further extended or terminated by the Board of County Commissioners, the Mayor, Vice Mayor, or County Administrator, as permitted in the Palm Beach County Code.
4. This Declaration shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State, shall be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court within three (3) days after issuance, shall be made available on the County's webpage dedicated to emergency orders accessible via a link on the County's homepage, and shall be delivered to appropriate news media for publication and radio and television broadcast.

**PALM BEACH COUNTY**

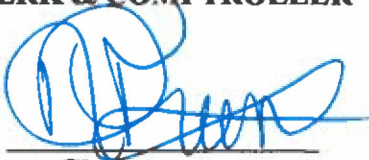
**APPROVED AS TO  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By:   
**Mayor Dave Kerner**

By:   
**County Attorney**

Date: August 17, 2021

**ATTEST  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER**

By:   
**Deputy Clerk**