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September 2, 2020

Honorable Governor Ron DeSantis State of Florida The Capitol 400 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

SUBJECT: PHASE 2 RE-OPENING REQUEST

After careful consideration of conditions and indicators related to the spread of COVID-19, pursuant to the re-opening provisions of Section 4 of Executive Order 20-139, this letter is requesting application of the Section 4 and subsequent Phase 2 provisions to Palm Beach County.

The Board of County Commissioners met on September 1, 2020, and requests that Palm Beach County be moved into an incremental Phase 2 re-opening of businesses. The enclosed *Incremental Phase 2 Reopening Plan* outlines proposed steps for re-opening additional Palm Beach County businesses in staggered increments beginning approximately September 8, 2020. Evaluation periods are built in between each of the steps to allow for review of health metrics data to determine if any significant resurgence may be attributed to the advancement of the incremental openings.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued leadership as we navigate through this pandemic. Please feel free to contact either of us if you have any questions concerning this request.

Sincerely,

Dave Kerner, Mayor Palm Beach County

Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator

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c: Members, Board of County Commissioners Denise Marie Nieman, County Attorney