

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2020- 8

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AN EMERGENCY ORDER DESIGNATING THE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF STRATEGIC AFFAIRS AS THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY PUBLIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY PURSUANT TO SECTION 125.045, FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-1 declared a state of local emergency due to the threat of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) to spread among humans, which may pose a threat to public health and safety and cause a threat to the entire State of Florida, including St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners extended the state of local emergency for subsequent seven-day periods and further retained, ratified, and continued in time for the duration of the emergency proclamation all emergency powers authorized by the emergency proclamations; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused extensive concerns to the private citizens and public sectors in St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused substantial economic impact within St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is exerting efforts to address emergency conditions and respond to the economic impact that COVID-19 has had within St. Johns County; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Ordinance 2014-30 (the Business Incentive Ordinance) provides for the creation of a public economic development agency pursuant to Section 288.075, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the Business Incentive Ordinance designates the Director of Economic Development as the public economic development agency pursuant to Section 288.075, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Section 8.B.3 of the Business Incentive Ordinance provides that in the event the Director of Economic Development is unable to perform the duties of the public economic development agency due to resignation or termination, a temporary replacement may be appointed by resolution of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to designate a temporary replacement to perform the duties of the public economic development agency pursuant to Section 8.B.3 of the Business Incentive Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of a Director of Economic Development, the Deputy County Administrator for Strategic Affairs has been assigned the duty of promoting the general business interests or industrial interests of St. Johns County and the responsibilities relating thereto; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance 2019-40, the County Administrator has the authorization to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law or by County ordinances, policies, rules, and regulations.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 6 of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, it is hereby declared that:

1. The Deputy County Administrator for Strategic Affairs is hereby designated the public economic development agency for St. Johns County pursuant to the provisions of Section 288.075, Florida Statutes, and the St. Johns County Business Incentive Ordinance.

2. The Deputy County Administrator for Strategic Affairs shall have all powers provided under the Business Incentive Ordinance to fulfill the purpose of the public economic development agency, including, but not limited to, executing agreements for confidentiality under Section 288.075(2)(a), Florida Statutes.

3. This Emergency Order shall be effective upon filing with the Clerk in accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, and shall expire at the expiration of ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-1, including any extension thereof.

DONE and ORDERED this 7th day of July, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Hunter S. Conrad
Hunter S. Conrad
County Administrator

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk

By: Sam Halterman
Deputy Clerk

