



**STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DIRECTIVE
2020-01**

WHEREAS, On March 9, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-52, declaring a state of emergency because of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, The Florida Department of Health (DOH) issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency on March 1, 2020, stating that COVID-19 is a threat to public health in Florida; and

WHEREAS, The City of Key West declared a local state of emergency at 3:15 on Sunday March 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States issued Coronavirus Guidelines for America on the afternoon of March 16, 2020, which included a recommendation to avoid social gatherings of groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Key West has several publicly owned facilities that attract social gatherings of groups of more than 10 people; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020 Governor DeSantis issued a subsequent order closing bars and nightclubs at 5p.m. today for a period of 30 days. The Governor also announced a reduction in occupancy for restaurants.

WHEREAS, the enactment of the local state of emergency undertaken pursuant to Florida States permits the City of Key West to take whatever action is necessary to insure the health, safety and welfare of the community;

NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor and City Manager of the City of Key West, we hereby immediately declare

- I. The following locations within the City of Key West are closed immediately to the public until further notice:

Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square

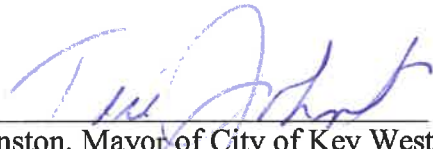
Southernmost Point Buoy

All publicly owned beaches, recreational facilities, parks and playgrounds.

- II. It is further ordered that all bars and nightclubs follow the directive of the Governor and cease operations by 5 p.m. today. This includes bars operating ancillary to any hotel, guest house, bed and breakfast etc.

All restaurant facilities are limited to take out and delivery only beginning at 5p.m today. There shall be no on-site dining or consumption.

- III. The Key West Ferry terminal is closed immediately to all arriving passengers.

Signed: 
Teri Johnston, Mayor of City of Key West

Signed: 
Greg Veliz, Key West City Manager

Date: 3/12/20

Time: 2:20 PM