

RESOLUTION 20- 1

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT AND ALL OTHER AREAS ENCOMPASSING THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT AND CLOSING THE RESERVOIR TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC DUE TO COVID-19; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Central County Water Control District is a Florida water control district operating and organized under Chapter 298, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 70-702, Laws of Florida, as amended; and

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents similar symptoms to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-51 directing the Florida Department of Health to issue a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a Public Health Emergency exists in the State of Florida as a result of COVID-10; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the Governor issues Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, President Donald J. Trump and the CDC issued guidance advising individuals to avoid social gatherings in groups of more than 10 people and advising

older persons and persons with serious underlying health conditions to stay home and away from other; and

**WHEREAS**, Hendry County proclaimed a local state of emergency on March 19, 2020, said proclamation of emergency has been extended and remains activated; and

**WHEREAS**, political subdivisions of the state have authority to declare a local "State of Emergency" pursuant to subsection 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, use of the Central County Water Control District reservoir by large groups of people is a commonplace, and many of the users reside in areas outside of Hendry County such as Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the outbreak of COVID-19, the Board of Supervisors have recommended, due to the current conditions caused by COVID-19 in this state, that effective immediately, the reservoir located in Central County Water Control District close May 1, 2020;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District as follows:

**Section 1.** The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed as true and correct and incorporated herein.

**Section 2.** Based upon the foregoing, the Central County Water Control District hereby declares a State of Emergency exists in the Central County Water Control District due to the impacts COVID-19 on the residents and lands of Central County Water Control District;

**Section 3.** The reservoir located in Central County Water Control District is closed to the general public until May 1, 2020, unless extended by the Board of Supervisors.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control

District this <sup>th</sup>27 day of March, 2020.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

  
By: Juan Mata, Chairperson

**APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY AND FORM:**

  
By: JOHN J. FUMERO, District Attorney