

## **MEMORANDUM**

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**DATE:** July 28, 2020

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Commission

**VIA:** James Slaton, Interim City Manager

**FROM:** Jennifer Nanek, City Clerk

**REGARDING:** Resolution 2020-26 State of Emergency Declaration

**SYNOPSIS:** Resolution 2020-26 declares a State of Emergency for Lake Wales in response to concerns related to COVID-19. This will be in effect from August 7, 2020 until September 7, 2020.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 2020-26 State of Emergency Declaration from August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020 September 7<sup>th</sup> 2020.

### **BACKGROUND**

In response to the threat of COVID-19 Mayor Fultz issued a State of Emergency on March 13<sup>th</sup> for seven days and issued three more 7 day States of Emergency after that. The current state of emergency was extended twice more at the beginning of April and again in May, June and July. The current State of Emergency which was approved by the City Commission on July 7<sup>th</sup> will expire August 7<sup>th</sup>.

According to Chapter 9 in our Code of Ordinances, the City Commission must approve a State of Emergency to last 30 days.

### **OTHER OPTIONS**

Do not approve Resolution 2020-26.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact from the resolution itself. There will be some costs to the City as we respond to this threat. These costs are being tracked. A declared State of Emergency will allow the City to seek possible reimbursement for those costs.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Resolution 2020-26.