

**NASSAU COUNTY**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25**  
**(Emergency Management – COVID-19)**

**WHEREAS**, on March 18, 2020, the Board of County Commissioners declared a Local Emergency pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has extended, on a weekly basis, the local state of emergency and it remains in effect; and

**WHEREAS**, Nassau County prohibited the commercial display of fireworks by issuing Executive Order No. 15 on June 27, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, commercial firework displays are held outdoors in safe, controlled, environments and can be viewed from vantage points miles away from the ignition site; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of Nassau County are capable of properly socially distancing and following CDC guidelines while enjoying a commercial firework displays; and

**WHEREAS**, community-based special events, such as holiday firework displays, promote sense-of-community and wellbeing amongst community members; and

**WHEREAS**, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has published a document titled *Considerations for Events and Gatherings* ‘to enhance protection of individuals and communities and preventing spread of COVID-19’; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is determined that rescinding Nassau County Executive Order No. 15 to allow the commercial display of fireworks is in the best interests of the citizens of Nassau County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, TACO E. POPE**, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Local State of Emergency and County Emergency Management Plan and with the consent of the Emergency Management Director, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:

1. Nassau County Executive Order No. 15 prohibiting the commercial display of fireworks is hereby **RESCINDED**.
2. Event planners and attendees are strongly encouraged to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Considerations for Events and Gatherings.
3. Individuals attending an event are strongly encouraged to follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and practice safe social distancing, wear face coverings when appropriate, and not participate in any event when experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19, been directed by the Department of Health or a medical professional to self-isolate/quarantine, or have had close contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

DATED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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TACO E. POPE, AICP  
County Manager

CONSENT:

*/s/ Greg Foster*

  
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GREG FOSTER

Emergency Management Director