## **PROCLAMATION**

A PROCLAMATION BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA, PURSUANT TO SECTION 8.1 OF THE TOWN CHARTER, WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT THAT AUTHORIZATIONS TO PLACE CAMPAIGN SIGNAGE ON SINGLE FAMILY HOMES BE OBTAINED BY CANDIDATES AND FILED AT TOWN HALL IN CONSIDERATION OF THE ONGOING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS) PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to the flu; and

**WHEREAS,** the World Health Organization (WHO), President Trump, and Florida Governor DeSantis previously declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** the Town Administrator previously issued a proclamation pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Town Charter, declaring that a state of emergency existed within the Town of Southwest Ranches; and

**WHEREAS,** Town Hall has been closed to the public and staff has adjusted to maintain service levels with the highest priority of ensuring the safety of the Town's residents and staff; and

**WHEREAS,** the November 3, 2020 election will present many challenges as staff seeks to ensure the safety of all involved; and

**WHEREAS,** in an effort to ensure the safety of Town residents and staff, the Town Administrator finds and determines it is necessary to waive the requirement for signed authorizations to be filed by candidates for campaign signs placed on single family home properties. This requirement will remain for all other property types.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF SOUTHWEST RANCHES, FLORIDA:

That, due to the foregoing conditions, I HEREBY WAIVE THE REQUIREMENT FOR SIGNED AUTHORIZATIONS BE FILED FOR PLACEMENT OF CAMPAIGN SIGNS ON SINGLE FAMILY PROPERTIES in the Town of Southwest Ranches effective at 8:30 a.m. on September 4, 2020.

DATED THIS 8th day of September, 2020.

Town of Southwest Ranches, FL

Andrew D. Berns, Town Administrator