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**AN ORDINANCE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA'S COUNCIL
MOVING THE DATE FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO
BE HELD CONCURRENT WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL
PREFERENCE PRIMARY; AMENDING THE CANDIDATE
QUALIFYING PERIOD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington's Charter provides that the regular Village elections are to be held on the second Tuesday in March of each election year and any required runoff is to be held on the fourth Tuesday in March; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Wellington's Charter further provides that the qualifying period shall be no sooner than noon the last Tuesday in January nor later than noon on the second Tuesday in February of the year in which the election is to be held; and

WHEREAS, the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections has requested that all municipalities move the dates of their municipal election to March 17, 2020 and change their qualifying periods; and

WHEREAS, Section 101.75 Florida Statutes, provides that the governing body of a municipality may, by ordinance, move the date of a municipal election to a date concurrent with any statewide or countywide election.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF WELLINGTON, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1: The Village of Wellington hereby amends its 2020 Municipal Election schedule as follows:

- a) Wellington Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020.
- b) Runoff election, if required, will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2020.
- c) Qualifying periods for candidates will be from noon on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 to noon on Tuesday, December 17, 2019.

SECTION 2. Nothing herein is intended to create a permanent change to the Village Charter. Following the March 17, 2020 election, and any subsequent runoff, Wellington's municipal elections shall thereafter comply with its Charter.

SECTION 3. Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance conflict with any section, paragraph, clause or phrase of any prior Wellington Ordinance, Resolution, or Municipal Code provision; then in that event the provisions of this Ordinance shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4: Should any section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision

1 shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole as a whole or any portion or part
2 thereof, other than the part so declared to be invalid.

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4 **SECTION 5:** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption of
5 the Wellington Council following second reading.

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7 **PASSED** on the 27th day of August 2019 on first reading.

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9 **PASSED AND ADOPTED** this _____ day of _____, 2019 on second
10 and final reading.

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12 **WELLINGTON**

13 **FOR**

AGAINST

14 BY: _____

15 Anne Gerwig, Mayor

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18 Michael Napoleone, Vice Mayor

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21 John McGovern, Councilman

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24 Michael Drahos, Councilman

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27 Tanya Siskind, Councilwoman

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30 **ATTEST:**

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33 BY: _____

34 Chevelle D. Nubin, Village Clerk

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37 **APPROVED AS TO FORM AND**
38 **LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

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41 BY: _____

42 Laurie S. Cohen, Village Attorney