



EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-2

Issued by

**TONI PRECKWINKLE, PRESIDENT,
FOREST PRESERVE DISTRICT OF COOK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Cook County, Illinois

March 13, 2020

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared that COVID-19 presents a public health emergency on January 27, 2020, and the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, pointing to over 118,000 cases of the coronavirus illness in over 110 countries and territories around the world and the sustained risk of further global spread; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Proclamation of Disaster issued by Cook County on March 10, 2020, the Department of Emergency Management and Regional Security has activated the County's Emergency Operations Plan and is coordinating county and local governmental resources and response activities in an effort to prevent and reduce further damage and hazards, protect the health and safety of persons, protect property and provide emergency assistance pursuant to Illinois law; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Preserve District of Cook County ("Forest Preserve District") is covered under Cook County's Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the Forest Preserve District to be prepared to work with the County to aid and assist in the implementation of Cook County's Emergency Operations Plan, and in accordance with Cook County's March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster and activation of Cook County's Emergency Operations Plan, help ensure that the effects of COVID-19 are mitigated and minimized and that Forest Preserve District employees are and remain safe.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Illinois, the laws of the State of Illinois, the March 10, 2020 Proclamation of Disaster and activation of Cook County's Emergency Operations Plan,

I, TONI PRECKWINKLE, President of the Forest Preserve District of Cook County, DO HEREBY ORDER, as follows:

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1. All Forest Preserve District of Cook County employee work related travel for conferences, continuing education, seminars, and lobbying activities that may occur outside the County of Cook shall be cancelled and prohibited through May 1, 2020 unless said travel is otherwise deemed essential by the employee's Department Head and the General Superintendent.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that, this order shall take effect upon its execution and filing with the Secretary of the Board and that immediate notice of this order be delivered by the General Superintendent of the Forest Preserve District to the Forest Preserve District employees.



Toni Preckwinkle
President

Dated: March 13, 2020

ATTEST:



Matthew DeLeon
Forest Preserve District of Cook County Secretary of the Board

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