A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RESPONDING TO HURRICANE ETA.

THE FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION is hereby made by Rick Kriseman, in his capacity as Mayor of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida (the “City”):

SECTION 1—FINDINGS: I hereby make the following findings in support of the declaration of the state of local emergency effectuated by this order:

(a) The National Hurricane Center currently forecasts that Hurricane Eta (the “Hurricane”) may cause significant rain, wind, and storm surge along the west coast of Florida, including the city of St. Petersburg, Florida. Accordingly, the Hurricane poses an imminent threat of widespread or substantial damage, injury, or loss of life or property in the City.

(b) On November 7, 2020, pursuant to executive order 20-277, the Governor of the state of Florida declared a state of emergency in certain counties due to the Hurricane.

(c) On November 11, 2020, pursuant to resolution 20-155, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a state of local emergency for Pinellas County due to the Hurricane.

(d) Because the Hurricane poses immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires emergency action, it is necessary to protect the public interest to declare a state of local emergency pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38 and St. Petersburg City Code chapter 2, article VIII, division 2 (with respect to that division, the “Emergency Code”).

(e) This declaration of emergency was made in consideration of these findings and in consultation with applicable City officials and staff. Accordingly, the procedure used to make this declaration is fair under the circumstances.

SECTION 2—DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY: Pursuant to Florida Statutes section 252.38(3)(a)5. and City Code section 2-425(c), I hereby proclaim and declare that a state of local emergency exists within the municipal boundaries of the City due to the Hurricane (as may be extended from time-to-time, the “Emergency”).
SECTION 3—EFFECTIVE DATE AND DURATION: The Emergency is effective as of November 11, 2020, at noon, and will continue in effect for a seven-day period unless terminated or extended in accordance with City Code section 2-425(c).

SECTION 4—EMERGENCY ACTIONS: Pursuant to the police powers granted by the Florida Constitution and Florida Statutes chapter 166 and the emergency powers granted by the Florida Statutes (including sections 252.32, 252.38, and 252.46) and the Emergency Code, I am authorized to exercise certain emergency powers during the Emergency.

This proclamation is executed by the Mayor and filed with the City Clerk on the date and time stated below and will have full force and effect of law when filed with the City Clerk.

Sign: _________________________________________
Rick Kriseman, Mayor

Filed with the City Clerk:
Sign: _________________________________________
Name:  Chan Srinivasa
Title:  City Clerk
Date:  November 11, 2020
Time:  1:24 P.M.