

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-09262022-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE IAN WEATHER EVENT.

WHEREAS, the weather system presently identified as Hurricane Ian by the National Hurricane Center (“Ian”) poses a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Jefferson County (“County”); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Ian may cause dangerous hurricane force winds, flooding, and possible tornadoes locally; and

WHEREAS, Ian has the potential for causing substantial damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, the impacts anticipated from Ian may require the immediate mutual aid assistance from municipal, state, and federal agencies to address any emergency impacts on the citizens of Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida, in Executive Orders 22-218 and 22-219, found that a state of emergency exists within the State of Florida, including Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Jefferson County to declare a state of local emergency and to exercise emergency powers; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to §252.38(1), Florida Statutes, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) has jurisdictional authority to declare local states of emergency for the entire county for emergency management purposes to exercise all statutorily authorized emergency powers to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED by the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, this 26th day of September 2022:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.
2. In light of the serious threat to the lives and property of Jefferson County residents posed by Ian, the Board hereby exercises its authority, and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, by declaring a state of local emergency.
3. The state of local emergency shall exist as of 8:00 am on this 26th day of September 2022, for all territory within the legal boundaries of Jefferson County as established in Section 7.33, Florida Statutes, including all unincorporated and all incorporated areas.

4. The provisions of the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan ("CEMP") relating to this type of event shall be implemented in accordance with the Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement between the County and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.


5. The provision of this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless terminated earlier by the Board or the Chair of the Board.

6. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:


Gene Hall, Chairman

ATTEST:


Kirk Reams, Ex Officio
Clerk to the Board