

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

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Hurricane Idalia by the National Hurricane Center (Hurricane Idalia) poses a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Jefferson County(County); and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Idalia Jefferson County has 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 Hurricane Idalia 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 order 23-171 found that a state of emergency exist 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 that the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, this 4th day of September 2023:

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 **Hurricane Idalia**, 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.

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3. The state of local emergency shall exist as of 12:00 pm on this 4th day of September 2023, 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.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Jefferson County, Florida, has caused this resolution to be enacted and executed on the 4th day September 2023.



Chris Tuten, Chairman of Jefferson County Board
of Commissioner

ATTEST:

Alfred Mac McNeill, Sheriff