

**JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on September, 23 2024 at 12:00 PM EDT, Jefferson County is declaring this local state of emergency regarding a tropical wave, identified as PCT 9 which poses a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Jefferson County (“County”), and declared a state of emergency for certain counties in the State of Florida, the County; and

**WHEREAS**, PCT 9 is expected to develop into Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, the incoming heavy rainfall, flooding, and gusty winds caused widespread power outages due to downed trees and powerlines; and

**WHEREAS**, the County suffered impacts from severe flooding, heavy rain, and strong winds from PCT 9 which is expected to develop into Hurricane Helene; 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**, the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (“Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, creating Chapter 31 of the Jefferson County Code of Ordinances and establishing emergency management procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, there currently exist in Jefferson County emergency conditions as defined in Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, necessitating a prompt and efficient response and recovery in order to safeguard lives and property, to exercise all statutorily authorized emergency powers, and ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 252.38(1), Florida Statutes, and Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, as designee of the Board, the Chairman of the Board has the authority to declare local states of emergency for the entire county.

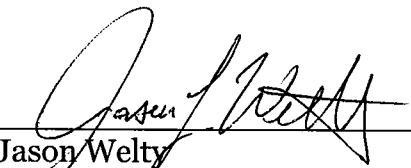
**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5., Florida Statutes and Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, a local state of emergency is hereby declared for Jefferson County, Florida. This local state of emergency shall be in effect within the territorial boundaries of Jefferson County and began on the 23rd day of September, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. EST and ends the day of September, 30<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 8:30 A.M, unless earlier terminated, and during which time 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, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2024

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA:

  
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J.T. Surles, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Jason Welty  
Clerk to the Board