

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

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

**WHEREAS**, the impacts from 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, declared a state of emergency for certain counties in 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**, 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 beginning this 26th day of February, 2024 at 8:30 A.M. EST and ending the 5th day of March, 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.

JEFFERSON COUNTY FLORIDA:



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JT Surles, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioner's

ATTEST:

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Name:  
Jason Welty  
Clerk to the Board