

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

WHEREAS, on January 9, 2024, Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-03 regarding North Florida Tornadoes, which posed 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, the Governor of the State of Florida first extended the state of emergency set forth in Executive Order 24-03 in Executive Order 24-48, and on May 6, 2024, the Governor again extended the state of emergency in Executive Order 24-82 for an additional 60 days; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2024, an intense thunderstorm brought severe weather across North Florida, including numerous tornadoes and strong wind gusts causing significant wind and tree fall damage to residences, businesses, powerlines, and other infrastructure across North Florida; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2024, at 2:53 PM, the Governor of the State of Florida issued an additional Executive Order 24-94 naming the storm and tornadoes which took place on May 10, 2024, and declaring a state of emergency in several counties, including the County; and

WHEREAS, the impacts from the North Florida Tornadoes and the severe weather, including tornadoes, of May 10, 2024, 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, 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

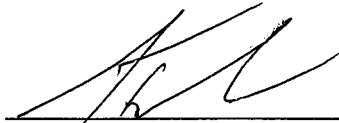
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(1), Florida Statutes, and Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, as designee of the Board, the Chairman of the Board has the authority to declare local states of emergency for the entire county.

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 24th day of May 2024 at 8:30 A.M. EST and ends on the 31st day of May 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 17th day of May 2024.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA:



J.T. Surles, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Jason Welty
Clerk to the Board