

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

WHEREAS, on August 1st, 2024 at 12:00 PM EDT, Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-156 regarding a tropical wave, now identified as Invest 97L 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, based on meteorological reports, highly conducive environmental conditions are forecast to organize and develop Invest 97L into a tropical depression over the weekend and early next week over the eastern Gulf of Mexico near the Florida Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, based on meteorological reports, there is a significant threat of heavy rainfall over most of the State of Florida, with the possibility of at least twelve (12) inches of rainfall over the next seven (7) days; and

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

WHEREAS, The County is expected to suffer impacts from severe flooding, heavy rain, and possible strong winds from Invest 97L (currently unnamed); 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

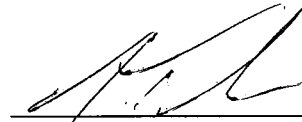
WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(1), Florida Statutes, and Ordinance No. 22-12022022-06, as designee of the Board, the Chairman of the Board has the authority to declare local states of emergency for the entire county.

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

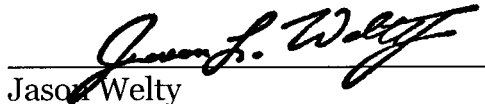
Dated this 2nd day of August 2024.

JEFFERSON COUNTY, FLORIDA:



J.T. Surles, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:



Jason Welty
Clerk to the Board