

ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the St. Lucie County Public Safety Director has made the following determinations:

1. The Board of County Commissioner of St. Lucie County has adopted Resolution No. 00-277, authorizing the County Administrator and the Public Safety Director to exercise certain emergency powers and authority during a local emergency.

2. A state of local emergency proclamation is allowed is allowed for seven (7) days with appropriate extension pursuant to law.

3. The National Hurricane Center has identified Hurricane Milton and is likely to issue a Tropical Storm Watch for the east coast of Florida, including St. Lucie County.

4. The Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Orders 24-214 as amended by Executive Order 24-215 declaring a state of emergency that includes St. Lucie County; and

5. Executive Order 24-214 as amended, in accordance with Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, authorizes political subdivisions to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

6. The presence of Hurricane Milton has St. Lucie County in a state of emergency, exposing the citizens thereof to danger to life and property.

7. St. Lucie County should take timely precautions to protect public and private property, and member of the public from the potential effects of Hurricane Milton.

8. It is the recommendation of the County Administrator and the Public Safety Director that the state of local emergency be declared for St. Lucie County and that this Declaration of State of Local Emergency be adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT DECLARED AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. I, Rangel (Ron) Guerrero, Public Safety Director for St. Lucie County, in accordance with the powers vested in me pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Resolution No. 00-277, do hereby proclaim the existence of a state of local emergency in St. Lucie County, Florida, as identified above. This Declaration shall commence at 9:00 AM on Monday, October 7, 2024, and shall terminate automatically seven (7) days from this date unless terminated earlier or extended.

SECTION 2. This Declaration authorizes the County Administrator or designee, to take all actions necessary and appropriate to protect human life and property, including the promulgation of rules and orders as may be necessary subject to the limitations of Section 252.33, Florida Statutes. All rules and orders promulgated hereunder shall be filed with the Clerk of Court. This Declaration further authorizes the County Administrator or

designee, to utilize all lawfully authority granted to St. Lucie County by the St. Lucie County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and by Federal, State, or County Emergency Management Laws, Rules, Regulations, Orders, and including, but not limited to, Section 252.46 and Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes. Any such actions taken shall be ratified by the Board of County Commissioners as soon as practical under the circumstances.

SECTION 3. All existing laws, ordinances, and rules inconsistent with the provisions of Section 252.31 to Section 252.905, Florida Statutes, inclusive, or inconsistent with any rule of specifically promulgated under this declaration shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent that such conflicts exist.

SECTION 4. The County Administrator may suspend, toll or extend the time requirements, notice requirements and deadlines for final action on applications for permits, licenses, rates and other approvals under the St. Lucie County Code, to the extent necessary to accommodate the emergency.

SECTION 5. Pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, the County hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a political subdivision by law, pertaining to:

- A. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- B. Entering into contracts;
- C. Incurring obligations;
- D. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- E. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- F. Rental of equipment;
- G. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
- H. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds

SECTION 6. Any person violating any rule or order issued pursuant to this Declaration or any person who willfully fails or refuses to comply with the order or orders of any duly authorized law enforcement officer or personnel charged with the responsibility for the enforcement of such orders shall, upon conviction therefore, be punished as provided by Section 252.50, Florida Statutes, and by such other laws as may be applicable to the offense.

SECTION 7. The state of emergency declared by this Declaration may be modified in whole or in part or may be terminated upon the joint recommendation of the County Administrator and the Public Safety Director, with ratification by the Board of County Commissioners as soon as is practicable at a regular or special meeting. This Declaration

shall remain in effect for no longer than seven (7) days, unless terminated or modified earlier, or extended in accordance with law.

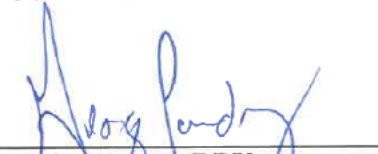
SECTION 8. If any provisions of this Declaration is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of this Declaration, which shall have the full force and effect of the law.

DONE AND ORDERED in St. Lucie County, Florida, 7th day of October 2024, at 12:00 P.M.




RANGEL (RON) GUERRERO
PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

CONCURRENCE:



GEORGE LANDRY
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM & CORRECTNESS:



DANIEL S. MCINTYRE
COUNTY ATTORNEY