

**ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECLARATION EXTENDING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(HURRICANE MILTON)**

WHEREAS, in preparation for the imminent impact of Hurricane Milton on St. Lucie County, the Public Safety Director of St. Lucie County, Florida issued a Declaration declaring a state of local emergency, dated October 7, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton made landfall in Florida on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, and impacted the State of Florida as it moved through the state on October 9th–10th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, prior to making landfall, several tornados touched down throughout St. Lucie County causing devastating damage and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and St. Lucie County are continuing to experience serious threats to public health, safety and welfare as a result of the potential hazards and dangerous threats from Hurricane Milton due to additional rainfall received, winds, area flooding, ground saturation, uprooted trees, debris, power outages, downed power lines, and many other issues within St. Lucie County;

WHEREAS, the County is actively engaged in recovery from the Hurricane including disposing of debris removed from public and private right of ways, removing debris from the beaches and repairing dunes and dune walkovers; and

WHEREAS, extending the declaration of state and local emergency facilitates the County's ability to effectively respond to emergency conditions and otherwise implement emergency protective measures to mitigate future losses.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, it is hereby declared that:

1. The state of local emergency declared on October 7, 2024, extended by

emergency declaration on the seventh day thereafter, is hereby extended for 7 days from the effective date of this Declaration, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law.

2. All emergency powers authorized by the Declaration of October 7, 2024, declaring a state of local emergency, and extended on the seventh date thereafter, are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this Declaration.

DONE AND ORDERED in St. Lucie County, Florida, the 21st day of October 2024 at __:00
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Rangel (Ron) Guerrero
Public Safety Director