

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
RELATED TO HURRICANE IDALIA**

WHEREAS, imminent danger to residents and property located in Seminole County is posed by the following conditions: severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; extensive debris; possible tornadoes and possible flooding caused by Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have the potential for causing damage to public streets and roads, public drainage systems and commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 23-171, declaring a state of emergency for several counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, Governor DeSantis amended Executive Order Number 23-171 to include Seminole County in the State of Emergency Declarations; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.4, Seminole County Code, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; or the Vice-Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners in the event of incapacitation or unavailability of the Chairman; or in the event of the unavailability or incapacitation of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, then the Commissioner who has served for the longest continual period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Emergency. Due to the imminent threat of severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; extensive debris; possible tornadoes and possible flooding caused by Hurricane Idalia, all of which poses a serious threat to the lives or property of the residents of Seminole County, a Local State of Emergency is declared effective immediately. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole County, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the Local State of Emergency, effective immediately, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance are hereby waived as they pertain 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 3. Alterations or Rescission. This declaration of a Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

ORDERED this 29th day of August, 2023; at 10:42 AM

By: 
Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners