

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER CALLING FOR THE EVACUATION OF MOBILE, MODULAR AND MANUFACTURED HOMES; HOMES IN DESIGNATED FLOOD ZONES AND IN LOW-LYING AREAS; AND FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, constitutional home rule powers, and Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, Seminole County has the authority to direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the County’s population upon a declaration of a state of emergency by the Governor or local state of emergency for Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-214, as amended by Executive Order Number 24-215 on October 6, 2024, concerning Tropical Storm Milton, now known as Hurricane Milton, declaring a state of emergency for multiple Florida counties, including Seminole County, and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, Executive Order 2024-007 was executed, declaring a Local State of Emergency pursuant to Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the imminent conditions posed by Hurricane Milton including severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; possible tornadoes and possible flooding; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, grants political subdivisions the authority to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community during a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.6(a), Seminole County Code, grants the Director of Emergency Management the authority to direct and compel the evacuation of all or a part of the population from the stricken or threatened area within the County if the Director of Emergency Management deems such action necessary for the preservation of life or other emergency mitigation, response or recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF SEMINOLE COUNTY, THE FOLLOWING EMERGENCY REGULATIONS ARE NECESSARY:

Section 1. Evacuation of mobile, modular and manufactured homes and homes in designated flood zones; homes in low-lying areas; and for individuals with special needs. All persons residing in mobile, modular or manufactured homes; individuals with special needs; and homes in flood zones and low-lying areas in Seminole County are requested to evacuate immediately and to remain outside the evacuated area until this restriction is lifted.

Section 2. Public Sheltering. Information on public sheltering can be obtained by turning to local media, Seminole County's website and Seminole County Government Television.

Section 3. Duration of Restrictions. These restrictions will be in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole County, Florida, including all unincorporated and incorporated areas or, in the alternative, within the boundaries as may be determined by the Director of Emergency Management and set forth in an addendum to be attached hereto. These restrictions will remain in effect from the date of this Order until such time as they are rescinded by further Executive Order.

ORDERED this 9 day of October, 2024; at 0800


Alan Harris, Director
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT