

RESOLUTION 98 - 100

WHEREAS, severe drought conditions have caused forest fires to erupt in many areas of Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, in Nassau County over 2,000 acres have burned in less than twenty-four (24) hours; and

WHEREAS, the current forecasts do not indicate rain; and

WHEREAS, due to the damages suffered so far and the clear and present danger of further forest fires due to the drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(6)(e), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political sub-division such as Nassau County to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political sub-divisions by law pertaining to:

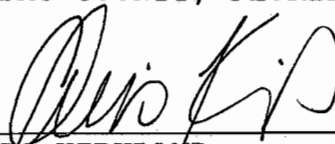
- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- b. Entering into contracts;
- c. Incurring obligations;
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
- f. Rental of equipment;
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
- h. Appropriate expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 16th day of June, 1998, by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that


the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, that the drought conditions pose a serious threat of flash fires and a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of Nassau County, and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared, effective immediately, for all territory within the legal boundaries of Nassau County, including that all unincorporated and incorporated areas shall be embraced by the provisions of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political sub-division, as provided in Chapter 252.38(6)(e), Florida Statutes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



CHRIS KIRKLAND
Its: Chairman



J. M. "CHIP" OXLEY, JR.
Its: Ex-officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN, Esquire

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