

**NASSAU COUNTY
RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF
A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

Resolution No. 2004- 120

WHEREAS, The National Hurricane Center recognizes the danger to the residents of Florida from Hurricane Frances, for an area that includes Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County must allow adequate time for residents to prepare and/or evacuate from the hazards of a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the potential impact of Hurricane Frances, and the current forecast error of the storm, issued by the National Hurricane Center, does not allow for a confident prediction of the track of Hurricane Frances at the point of time coinciding with Nassau County's high evacuation clearance times; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Frances has the potential for threatening public safety and causing extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communications systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3) (5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Nassau County to declare a State of Local Emergency to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 2nd day of September, 2004, that Hurricane Frances poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared effective immediately for a one (1) week period unless terminated by the Board of County Commissioners at an earlier time 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 by the Board of County Commissioners that the emergency period can be extended for an additional week by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority under Chapter 252.38(3) (5), Florida Statutes, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



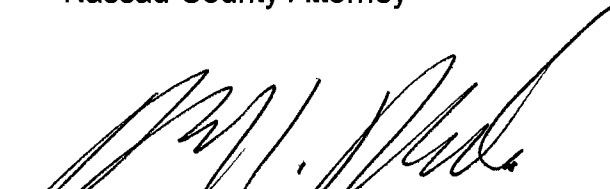
FLOYD L. VANZANT
Its: Chairman

ATTEST: :



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

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN