

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

Resolution No. 2005- 127

WHEREAS, The National Hurricane Center recognizes the danger to the residents of Florida from Tropical Storm Ophelia, 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 Tropical Storm Ophelia, 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 the hurricane at the point of time coinciding with Nassau County's high evacuation clearance times; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Ophelia has the potential for threatening public safety and causing 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 Local State of Emergency to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

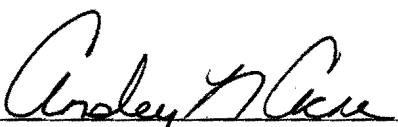
1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition 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 7th day of September, 2005, that Tropical Storm Ophelia poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and that a Local State of Emergency shall be declared effective immediately for seven (7) days for all territory within the legal boundaries of Nassau County, including all unincorporated and incorporated areas. Said State

of Emergency may be extended for an additional seven (7) day period 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



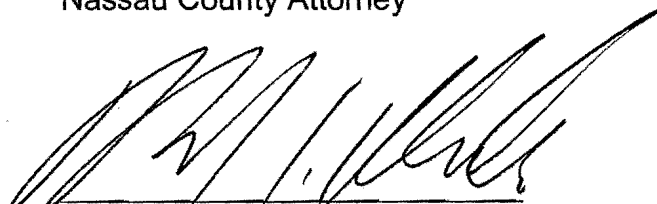
ANSLEY N. ACREE
Its: Chairman

ATTEST:



JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney



MICHAEL S. MULLIN

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