

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

Resolution No. 2012-84

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center have been monitoring the local impacts from Tropical Storm Beryl; and

WHEREAS, as of the entry of this executive order, there is a likelihood that the Governor of the State of Florida will sign an executive order declaring a state of emergency for at least the portion of the State that includes Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, as a result of Tropical Storm Beryl's landfall the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center was activated at 8:00 a.m. on May 26, 2012, to address the impacts of widespread tropical storm force winds and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, the storm is expected to slowly move in a northeasterly direction across the State of Florida bringing with it torrential rainfall and a significant risk of flooding for Nassau County thus creating an emergency situation which will require an extraordinary response by the County; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that "[s]afeguarding the life and property of [the county's] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state", and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons and property and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and


WHEREAS, in order to be in a position to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Nassau County and the State of Florida, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be invoked on the 29th day of May, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 29th day of May, 2012, that Tropical Storm Beryl 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 period of seven (7) days during the duration of the emergency 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.


The State of Emergency may be extended by the Board of County Commissioners for an additional seven (7) day period upon a majority vote of the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


STACY T. JOHNSON
Its: Chair

Attest as to Chair's signature:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


DAVID A. HALLMAN