

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

Resolution No. 2022-188

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center have been monitoring the local impacts expected from Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, as of the entry of this Resolution, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed an Executive Order declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida, including Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center has been activated to address the impacts of widespread winds and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian is expected to bring torrential rainfall, a significant risk of flooding and tropical storm force winds 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, on February 24, 2014, the Board of County Commissioners entered into an Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff of Nassau County for operations of Emergency Management which states “The Director of Emergency Management will report to the Sheriff during normal operations. However, the Director will report to the County Manager, as the designee of the Board of County Commissioners, in times of EOC activation, an emergency or a disaster declared under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.”; and

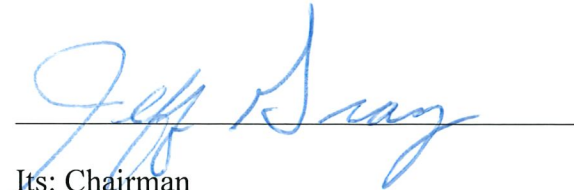
WHEREAS, in order to be in a position to provide the most effective assistance to the citizens of Nassau County and the State of Florida, it is necessary that the declaration of an emergency be invoked on the 26th day of September, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 26th day of September, 2022, that Hurricane Ian 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


Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
Nassau County Attorney


DENISE C. MAY