RESOLUTION NO. 2023- 151

NASSAU COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RESOLUTION FOR THE DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY (TROPICAL STORM IDALIA)

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center have been monitoring the local impacts expected from Tropical Storm Idalia which is projected to become a Hurricane within the next twenty-four (24) hours; and

WHEREAS, as of the entry of this Resolution, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed Executive Order 2023-<u>001</u> declaring a state of emergency for multiple counties in the 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, Tropical Storm Idalia 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, 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 a Local State of Emergency issued by the County Manager, Executive Order No. 2023-01, dated August 28, 2023, be ratified and affirmed this 28th day of August, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 28th day of August, 2023, that Tropical Storm Idalia poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and that the Local State of Emergency and Executive Order No. 2023-01 dated August 28, 2023 is hereby ratified and affirmed and shall be declared effective for a period of seven (7) days from the date of Executive Order No. 2023-01 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 Local 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

KLYNT FARMER

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

JOHN A. CRAWFORD

Ms: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney

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