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

Resolution No. 2024-123

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center have been monitoring the local impacts expected from Tropical Storm Debby; 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 fifty-four (54) counties, 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 Debby 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. 2024-001, dated August 4, 2024, be ratified and affirmed this 5th day of August, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 5th day of August, 2024, that Tropical Storm Debby 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. 2024-001 dated August, 4, 2024 is hereby ratified and affirmed and shall be declared effective for a period of seven (7) days from the date of Executive Order No. 2024-001 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

Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

A. CRAWFORD Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the Nassau County Attorney