

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

Resolution No. 2024-155

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, showers and thunderstorms associated with an area of low pressure located over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico have gradually become better organized, and the storm is now identified as Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, atmospheric and oceanic conditions are anticipated to support rapid intensification over the Gulf of Mexico, and Hurricane Milton is forecast to become a hurricane by early Monday; and

WHEREAS, this system could become a major hurricane near or at landfall along the West Florida Coast by the middle of next week; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing risk of life-threatening flash flooding and wind impacts for portions of the North East Florida beginning as soon as later Tuesday and Wednesday; and

WHEREAS, areas of heavy rainfall will impact Nassau County well ahead of the tropical system, impacting Nassau County while still recovering from recent 500-year flood events and Major Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County has recorded above normal rainfall over the past thirty days; and

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

WHEREAS, as of the entry of this Resolution, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed an Executive Order 24-215 declaring a state of emergency for Fifty-One (51) counties, including Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that Nassau County will be heavily impacted and added to the state of emergency by further declaration of the Governor; and

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

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton 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

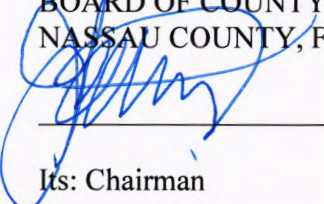
WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that “[s]afeguarding the life and property of [the county’s] citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state”, and further grants to the County the power to provide for the health and safety of persons 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 an emergency be invoked on the 7th day of October, 2024.

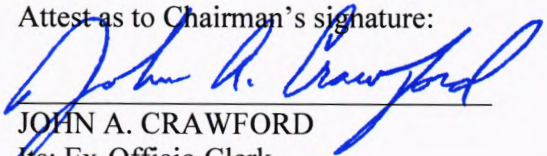
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 7th day of October, 2024, that Hurricane Milton poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared effective immediately 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.

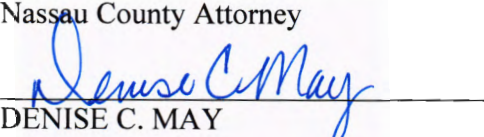
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority under Chapter 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

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