

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

Resolution No. 2006- 129

WHEREAS, The National Hurricane Center recognizes the danger to the residents of Florida from Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ernesto, for an area that includes Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Nassau County must allow adequate time for residents to prepare and/or evacuate from the hazards of a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the potential impact of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ernesto, and the current forecast error of the storm, issued by the National Hurricane Center, does not allow for a confident prediction of the track of the storm at the point of time coinciding with Nassau County's high evacuation clearance times; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ernesto has the potential for threatening public safety and causing extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communications systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3) (5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Nassau County to declare a State of Local Emergency to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

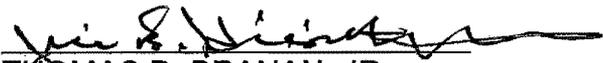
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 28th day of August, 2006, that Tropical Storm/Hurricane Ernesto poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared effective immediately for a period of seven (7) days unless terminated by the Board of County Commissioners at an earlier time 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) (5), Florida Statutes, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA


~~THOMAS D. BRANAN, JR.~~ Jim B. Higginbotham
Its: Chairman Vice Chairman

ATTEST as to Chairman's Signature:


JOHN A. CRAWFORD
Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form and legality by the
Nassau County Attorney


MICHAEL S. MULLIN