

**NASSAU COUNTY**  
**STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
**EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER**  
**2022-01**  
**(Subtropical Storm Nicole)**

**WHEREAS**, on February 24, 2014, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners entered into an Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff of Nassau County for operations of Emergency Management and said Interlocal Agreement was amended on January 28, 2019 (hereinafter “Interlocal Agreement”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Interlocal Agreement provides for “Director Reporting” and states that “[t]he 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**, on June 10, 2019, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the 2019-2023 Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) via Resolution 2019-103; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2022, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 22-253 declaring a State of Emergency throughout 34 Counties in the State of Florida, including Nassau County, in response to Subtropical Storm Nicole; and

**WHEREAS**, the adopted CEMP provides that the Emergency Management Director,

with the concurrence of the Executive Policy Group (EPG), may recommend that the County Manager declare a Local State of Emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the EPG and Emergency Management Director have provided written recommendation to the County Manager.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, TACO E. POPE**, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the County Emergency Management Plan and the Interlocal Agreement, hereby issue the following State of Emergency Executive Order:

**Section 1. Declaration of the Local State of Emergency**

As of this 8th day of November, 2022, Subtropical Storm Nicole poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County. Therefore, pursuant to the Nassau County Emergency Management Plan and having received recommendations from the Acting Emergency Management Director and Executive Policy Group, a Local State of 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 Executive Order.

**Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities**

As County Manager for Nassau County, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the county by law, ordinance, resolution, or policy pertaining to:

- Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- Entering into contracts;
- Incurring obligations;

- Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- Utilization of volunteer workers;
- Renting equipment;
- Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities;
- Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
- Appropriation or requisition of merchandise, goods, equipment, services, property or personnel needed to alleviate the emergency with reimbursement paid at a later date; provided, reimbursement shall be at the rate charged during the ninety-day period immediately preceding the emergency unless there is good and sufficient reason to reimburse at a different rate.

This State of Emergency Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon my execution, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022 and shall stay in effect for a period of seven (7) days, declaring a Local State of Emergency, unless said Local State of Emergency is extended by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
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TACO E. POPE, AICP  
County Manager

CONSENT:

  
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BOBBY LIPPELMAN  
Acting Emergency Management Director