

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

Resolution No. 2017- 128

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has signed an executive order (17-235) declaring a state of emergency for the State of Florida as to Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the County Manager, in consultation with the Nassau County Sheriff and Nassau County Emergency Operations Director, has determined that the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners be requested to declare a state of emergency as to Hurricane Irma; and

WHEREAS, the Nassau County Emergency Operations Center has been activated as to Hurricane Irma; 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 6th day of September, 2017.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, this 6th day of September, 2017, that Hurricane Irma poses a potential 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 Nassau County Board of County Commissioners has determined that the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan be implemented and further:


1. That the Nassau County Purchasing Policy be suspended as to required invoices and purchases related to Hurricane Irma.
 - (a) All invoices and purchases be approved by the Office of Management and Budget Director and the County Manager.

2. A mandatory evacuation order be issued, if necessary, pursuant to an order issued by the Emergency Management Director in consultation with the County Manager and Executive Committee.
3. The provisions of the 2014 County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan are activated subject to the provisions of this Resolution.
4. If the County Manager deems it necessary to call a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the County Manager has the authority to call said meeting and provide emergency notice.
5. The County Manager has the authority to issue emergency orders on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners after consultation with the Emergency Management Director and the Nassau County Sheriff pursuant to the County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Chapter 252.38, Florida Statutes.

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.

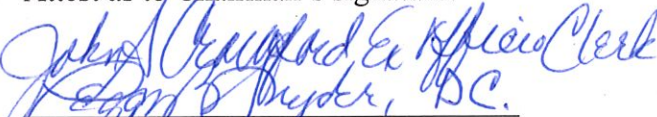
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority under Chapter 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



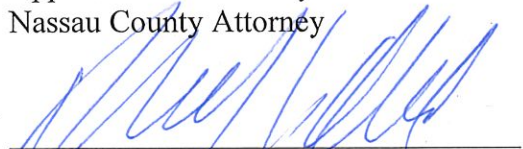
 DANIEL B. LEEPER
 Its: Chairman

Attest as to Chairman's signature:

by 

 JOHN A. CRAWFORD
 Its: Ex-Officio Clerk

Approved as to form by the
 Nassau County Attorney



 MICHAEL S. MULLIN