

OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

FOURTH EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

RESOLUTION #22-496R

HURRICANE IAN

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners, as the Official Authority, adopted Resolution #22-458R on September 25, 2022, which declared a state of local emergency in Osceola County in preparation for the imminent landfall of Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #22-484R, Third Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency, was adopted on October 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #22-483R, Second Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency, was adopted on October 8, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #22-461R, First Extension of Declaration of Local Emergency, was adopted on October 1, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, and moved into the central corridor of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian caused extensive damage to hundreds of residences and businesses in Osceola County and left many residents without power or utilities for extended periods; and

WHEREAS, there are still many areas affected by flooding in Osceola County; and continued threat from flooding; and

WHEREAS, residents of Osceola County are in the process of clean-up efforts in their communities, which entails removing downed trees, debris and restoring homes that were affected by wind and water damage; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, Declarations of Local States of Emergency may be extended in seven (7) day increments; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes states that it is the innate responsibility of local government to safeguard the life and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Osceola County must take timely emergency measures because of the heightened potential for injury or damage to life and property within the County.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-80(c), Osceola County Code of Ordinances, when a quorum of the board is unable to meet, the chairman of the board, or in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman is hereby designated and empowered as the official authority to declare a state of local emergency whenever the official authority determines that natural or manmade disaster or emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of one is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action, and when a quorum of the board is unable to meet, the chairman of the board, or in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman is hereby designated and empowered as the official authority to execute orders and rules whenever the official authority determines that a natural or manmade disaster or emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of one is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action.

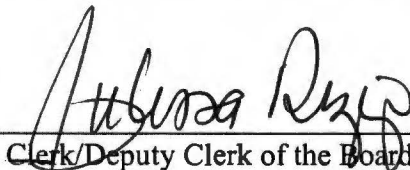
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Osceola County, Florida, this 22nd day of **October, 2022**, that the Declaration of Local Emergency, Resolution #22-458R, dated September 25, 2022, as thereafter extended, is hereby extended for an additional seven days from the effective date of this extension, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law. All emergency powers authorized by Resolution #22-458R of September 25, 2022, as thereafter extended, declaring a state of local emergency are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this extension.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF OSCEOLA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Chair/Vice Chair

As authorized pursuant to
Section 2-80(c), Osceola County Code of
Ordinances

ATTEST:
OSCEOLA COUNTY CLERK OF THE BOARD

By: 
Clerk/Deputy Clerk of the Board

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