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RESOLUTION 2024-58

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County is empowered by Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Walton County anticipates severe weather conditions as a result of the approach and pass of Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, the severe weather conditions will cause substantial damage to the roads, bridges, and other infrastructure and could endanger citizens in Walton County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this substantial damage and flooding, both public and private property will be damaged, and citizens could be unable to access their homes; and

WHEREAS, certain specialized equipment and personnel may be required to adequately respond to the needs of Walton County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, other measures may have to be taken in order to mitigate the potential for causing further threatening conditions within the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County resolves that it is necessary to declare a state of emergency from 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.) September 24, 2024 and ending on Sept 30, 2024, at 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.) because the County will be impacted to such an extent that resources from the State will be needed to assist with the emergency response and recovery, and the County also needs all the powers available to a County under a State of Emergency declaration.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, does hereby proclaim:

1. That a local state of emergency exists in Walton County, Florida, from 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.) September 24, 2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, at 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.) due to possible severe flooding resulting in large scale road erosion, damage to numerous bridges and an impediment to emergency access to homes and businesses;

2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, hereby enlists the aid of the Honorable Governor of the State of Florida, the State Cabinet, and our Federal Representatives in Washington, D.C., for assistance in its time of need; and

3. That pursuant to Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes (2015), during this State of Emergency, the Walton County Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Walton County by law pertaining to:

   a. Performance of public works, to include removal of debris from private roadways, and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
   b. Entering into contracts;
   c. Incurring obligations;
   d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
   e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
   f. Rental of equipment;
   g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
   h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds,

   to the extent necessary to carry out County functions necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community and to protect lives and property.

4. That this local State of Emergency shall exists and remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days from 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.) September 24, 2024 and ending on September 30, 2024, at 1:00p.m. (C.D.T.).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Walton County, Florida, has caused this resolution to be enacted and executed on this 24th day September, 2024.

Signed by:
Tony Anderson

Tony Anderson, Chair
WALTON COUNTY BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEAL WALTON COUNTY, FLORIDA

ATTEST:

for Loretta D. Laird
Alex Alford, Clerk of Circuit Court
And County Comptroller