

RESOLUTION 2022 - 64

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE SUWANNEE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR TO TAKE WHATEVER PRUDENT ACTIONS AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE RESIDENTS OF SUWANNEE COUNTY; AND WAIVING PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES DURING THE PERIOD OF SUCH EMERGENCY PURSUANT TO THIS DECLARATION.

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Ian has upgraded to hurricane status, with predictions calling for an increase to a potentially catastrophic Major Hurricane, posing a severe threat to the Gulf Coast of Florida which requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure and general welfare of Suwannee County; and

WHEREAS, heavy rainfall, high winds and potential for isolated tornadoes could result in flooding, downed trees, potential power loss and the possibility of sinkholes in many areas of the County resulting in numerous road closures; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron Desantis has issued Executive Orders Numbers 22-18 and 22-19 which proclaim that a statewide state of emergency exists in all 67 counties in Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes empowers political subdivisions to declare a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, but may be extended, as necessary, in 7 day increments; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes empowers political subdivisions to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent 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 voluntary workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, material and facilities; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, Section 501.160, Florida Statutes, prohibits price gouging in a declared State of Emergency.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners for Suwannee County, Florida, pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, as follows

Section 1. A State of Emergency exists in Suwannee County, Florida.

Section 2. The County's Emergency Management Director shall coordinate all emergency management activities as may be prudent and necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Suwannee County and all County agencies are directed to provide any assistance necessary under the authority of Florida Statute 252 and the Suwannee County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

Section 3. The normal procedures and formalities required by law are hereby waived during the declared period of emergency, and any extension thereof, as they pertain to:

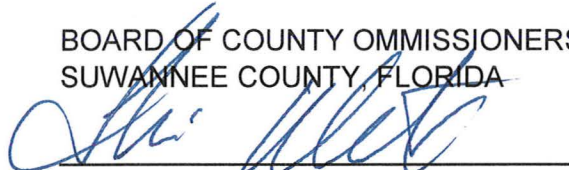
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- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 4. This emergency declaration shall be in full force and effect from its adoption herein of:

Time 9:31 a.m. Date: September 26, 2022
and shall be valid for seven (7) days unless extended.


ADOPTED this 26th day of September, 2022.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SUWANNEE COUNTY, FLORIDA



FRANKLIN WHITE
Chairman

Attest:


BARRY A. BAKER
Clerk of Court

