

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION  
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-01  
TROPICAL STORM IDALIA**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority provided in sections 252.31 - 252.90, Florida Statutes (“F.S.”), the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, adopted the Leon County Local Emergency Management Ordinance, which is codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the “Leon County Code”); and

WHEREAS, in section 2-305 of the Leon County Code, a natural emergency is defined as an emergency caused by a natural event, including, but not limited to, a hurricane, storm, or flood; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 23-171, declaring that a state of emergency exists in multiple counties, including Leon County; and

WHEREAS, the newly-formed tropical storm is forecast to enter the record-warm Gulf of Mexico and strengthen into a hurricane and may rapidly intensify before striking Florida’s Gulf Coast Tuesday night to Wednesday; and

WHEREAS, there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Big Bend and portions of Florida’s Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, there currently exists in Leon County the threat of a natural emergency from Tropical Storm Idalia; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient actions are required to safeguard lives and property affected by the natural emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code, and after consultation with state and local authorities, I find as follows:

1. Local State of Emergency. A Local State of Emergency is declared to exist in Leon County, Florida, requiring immediate and expeditious action to safeguard lives and property. The Local State of Emergency shall take effect at 8 p.m. on August 27, 2023, and will continue for a period of seven days, in accordance with section 2-330(b), Leon County Code.

2. Filing with Clerk. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be filed with the Office of the Clerk within three days after issuance.

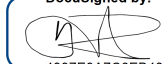
3. Local Emergency Proclamation on Dedicated Webpage. This Local Emergency Proclamation shall be made available on a dedicated webpage accessible through a conspicuous link on the County’s homepage.

4. Link to Division of Emergency Management. A link to this Local Emergency Proclamation on the County’s dedicated webpage shall be provided to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor.


THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code.

Dated this 27th day of August, 2023.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

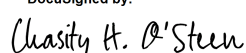
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