

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-05
SEVERE WEATHER EVENT, MAY 10, 2024**

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 (“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, there currently exists in Leon County a natural emergency from a severe weather event beginning on May 10, 2024, which has produced strong, damaging winds and at approximately 7:00 a.m. severe weather with tornado-like conditions; and

WHEREAS, such weather conditions have resulted in widespread electric utility damage, with thousands of customers without power, downed trees, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, additional storm activity, with heavy rain, is also anticipated; 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, of the 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 took effect at 7:00 a.m. on May 10, 2024, and will continue for a period of seven days, in accordance with section 2-330(b), of the Leon County Code, unless rescinded or extended.
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, of the Leon County Code.

Dated this 10th day of May, 2024.

LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

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By: Carolyn D. Cummings
Carolyn D. Cummings, Chair
Board of County Commissioners

ATTESTED BY:
Gwendolyn Marshall Knight, Clerk of Court
& Comptroller, Leon County, Florida

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Chasity H. O'Steen, County Attorney
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