

**LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA
PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-03
(RESCINDING PROCLAMATION NO. 2023-02)
HURRICANE IDALIA**

WHEREAS, on August 27, 2023, Leon County, Florida, issued Proclamation No. 2023-01, declaring that a Local State of Emergency exists in Leon County requiring immediate and expeditious action to safeguard lives and property; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 23-172, finding that Tropical Storm Idalia is forecasted to become a major hurricane before making landfall along areas of the Florida Gulf Coast and portions of the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, at the Governor's request, on August 28, 2023, FEMA-3596-EM was issued to authorize the Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency to provide appropriate assistance for required emergency measures to in several Florida counties, including Leon County; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, Hurricane Idalia took a westerly track and was expected to rapidly intensify before landfall, resulting in the potential for an increased and serious 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, on August 29, 2023, Leon County issued Proclamation No. 2023-02, amending Proclamation No. 2023-01 to require the mandatory evacuation of mobile and manufactured homes within Leon County in advance of Hurricane Idalia, which was projected to make landfall as a major hurricane; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2023, Hurricane Idalia made landfall at around 8:00 a.m. near Keaton Beach (Taylor County) as a strong Category 3 hurricane with 125 mile per hour winds at landfall; and

WHEREAS, though an easterly shift of the storm ultimately spared Leon County from the catastrophic damage that was experienced in neighboring counties along Florida's Gulf Coast, tropical force winds and rain have resulted in downed trees and power lines throughout Leon County; and

WHEREAS, due to such downed trees and power lines there currently still exists a threat to lives and property in Leon County as a result of Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, prompt and efficient actions are still required to safeguard lives and property affected by Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Leon County, Florida, has adopted the Emergency Management Ordinance, codified in Chapter 2, Article VIII of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida (the “Ordinance”), providing authorization for the Board or its designee to declare a Local State of Emergency in the event of a natural disaster or emergency, or the imminent threat thereof; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the Ordinance, as Chair of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, and pursuant to Section 2-307 of the Code of Laws of Leon County, after consultation with state and local authorities, I order as follows:

1. Rescission of Mandatory Evacuation. The mandate that residents of mobile and manufactured homes within Leon County evacuate is rescinded, and Proclamation No. 2023-02 is hereby rescinded. Proclamation No. 2023-01 remains in full force and effect.

2. Effective Date and Time. This Local State of Emergency shall take effect at 10:00 a.m. on August 31, 2023, and will continue until 7:59 p.m. on September 3, 2023, unless rescinded, in accordance with section 2-330(b), Leon County Code.

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

4. 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.

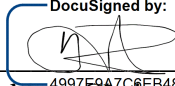
5. Link to Division of Emergency Management. A link to this Local Emergency Proclamation on the County’s dedicated webpage shall be provided to the Division of Emergency Management within the Executive Office of the Governor.

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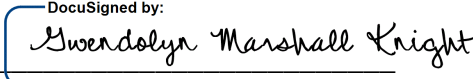
THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION authorizes the activation of the Leon County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the exercise of all powers provided by Chapter 252, F.S., and Chapter 2, Article VIII, Leon County Code.

Dated this 31st day of August, 2023.

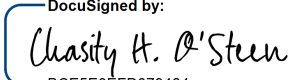
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:  _____
Nick Maddox, 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
Leon County Attorney's Office

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