

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2023-51
ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN
DECLARING A STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
TROPICAL STORM IDALIA**

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 23-171 (the "Governor's Order") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 93L, now Tropical Storm Idalia (the "Storm");

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County (the "Chairman") has been informed by County Emergency Management staff that the Storm is forecast to become a hurricane and has the potential to threaten or impact Levy County with hazardous conditions including, but not limited to, severe flooding, storm surge, heavy rainfall, strong winds, and isolated tornadic activity;

WHEREAS, the hazardous conditions from the Storm have the potential to: cause widespread damage across Levy County to government and private property, impact the roadways, disrupt utilities, and cause economic losses; therefore, this weather event poses a significant, imminent and dangerous threat to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of and visitors to Levy County, Florida and to their real and personal property;

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, authorizes a State of Emergency to be declared by proclamation of the Chairman when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") is unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, due to the timing of the potential landfall of the Storm, the Board is unable to meet in advance; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS AND DECLARES:

1. That a state of general emergency exists in Levy County, Florida, effective for 7 days commencing at 7:00 am, August 28, 2023.
2. The County Coordinator and his designee(s) are empowered, authorized and directed to exercise all emergency powers and take all actions expressly or implicitly conferred on the County by Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; all emergency orders issued the Governor; the County Code of Ordinances; the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Declaration

adopted by the County Commission or issued by the Chairman or other authorized official of the County.

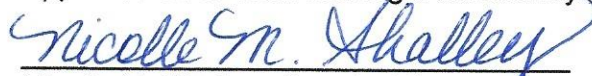
3. As provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and authorized by the Governors Orders, all procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to the following are hereby waived:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, 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.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
4. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Emergency Declaration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board within 3 days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's Emergency Management website <https://levydisaster.com>.

ISSUED on August 28th, 2023 at 7:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**


Matt Brooks, Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency


Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney