

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER  
ORDERING MANDATORY EVACUATION AND THE OPENING OF PUBLIC SHELTERS  
TROPICAL STORM IDALIA**

**WHEREAS**, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 23-171 ("EO 23-171") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 93L; and on Monday, August 28, 2023, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 23-172 amending EO 23-171 related to now Tropical Storm Idalia (the "Storm") (collectively, the "Governor's Orders");

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners issued Emergency Declaration Number 2023-51 declaring a State of General Emergency in Levy County effective at 7am on Monday, August 28, 2023, due to the Storm and authorizing the County Coordinator and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Coordinator finds that issuance of this Administrative Order is necessary for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Levy County Coordinator hereby orders:

1. **Mandatory evacuation**, to commence immediately and be completed by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, of persons residing in:
  - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, and to the maximum extent possible, the recreational vehicles shall be removed from the County;
  - mobile homes and manufactured homes throughout the County;
  - coastal communities in the County; and
  - low lying areas throughout the County.
2. **Opening of the following public shelters** commencing at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, August 29, 2023:
  - Special Needs Shelter: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Avenue, Bronson, FL
  - General Population Shelter: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL

Any person violating an emergency order of the County is subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 30-37 of the County Code and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

Issued this 28th day of August, 2023.

  
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Wilbur Dean, Levy County Coordinator

