

**FLAGLER COUNTY, FLORIDA  
PROCLAMATION EXTENDING  
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
(Hurricanes Matthew, Ian and Nicole)**

**November 11, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, Flagler County has been under a continuing State of Local Emergency since October 2016 due to Hurricane Matthew and thereafter with Hurricane Irma (2017), Hurricane Dorian (2019), Hurricane Isaias (2020), and with Hurricanes Ian and Nicole (2022), with the state of emergency proclamation being extended in accordance with Florida Chapter 252 and Flagler County Code of Ordinances Section 12-34; and

**WHEREAS**, these storms have severely damaged the entire dune system of the County, flooding hundreds of homes through dune breaches and over wash, and damaging public infrastructure and other public and private property along the coastline; and

**WHEREAS**, the damage from these hurricanes has been compounded by intervening Nor'easters and other tidal events which further eroded the beach, leaving public and private property at critical risk of further damage; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the prolonged and continuing vulnerability of the shoreline and the risk of property loss since Hurricane Matthew, the Board of County Commissioners by unanimous vote has ratified each of the Proclamations Extending the State of Local Emergency from October 2016 to and including this date; and

**WHEREAS**, the prior Proclamations detail the progressive damage to the shoreline of Flagler County since Hurricane Matthew, and the present situation remains precarious; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners has authorized repair and recovery efforts based on projects funded and secured through a variety of sources since Hurricane Matthew, and such efforts are likewise detailed in the prior Proclamations; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission has completed a project installing emergency sand in the northern part of the county shoreline using FEMA and FDEP funding to mitigate against any further losses that may occur during upcoming storm seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, the Army Corps of Engineers has completed the initial installment of the Flagler County Coastal Storm Risk Management Project ("CSRMP Project"), a beach renourishment project stretching from the northern boundary of Gamble Rogers State Park to North 7<sup>th</sup> Street in the City of Flagler Beach, in collaboration with the City, the Army Corps of Engineers, the FDOT, the FDEP, and other stakeholders; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission is identifying funding sources and is working with coastal municipalities, state and federal agencies, and community stakeholders to implement the County's beach management plan with the goal of eventually renourishing the entire 18-mile coastline of Flagler County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County Commission is entering into agreements with landowners and is evaluating the purchase of certain beachfront lands in the northern portion of Flagler County, all with the goal of mitigating losses from future storm events; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a necessity for the County to remain under a local state of emergency to facilitate these projects all along the shoreline of the County, including the authority to undertake emergency procurement and other actions to protect public and private property; and

**WHEREAS**, neighborhoods and businesses along the shoreline are presently exposed to the ocean without adequate protection from natural dune structures; and

**WHEREAS**, taking stock of the losses sustained by the County to date, using analysis of independent coastal engineers, the County has estimated the aggregate present damage to the Flagler beaches to be \$150 Million; and

**WHEREAS**, the vulnerability of the beaches is such that even weather events with heightened tides, not even classed as storm events, can take their toll on the beaches, leading to further scarping and dune berm collapses and resulting damage to public and private property and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, extending the local emergency declaration facilitates the County's ability to continue to respond to emergency conditions along the beaches and within lands containing public and private property and infrastructure, all with the goal of mitigating future losses.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Section 12-34 of the Flagler County Code of Ordinances, Flagler County hereby proclaims that:

1. The states of local emergency initially declared on October 4, 2016 (Hurricane Matthew), and expanded on September 26, 2022 (Hurricane Ian) and again on November 8, 2022 (Hurricane Nicole), all extended by emergency proclamations thereafter in accordance with Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, and duly ratified by the Board of County Commissioners, are hereby extended for an additional 7 days from the effective date of this Proclamation, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law.
2. All emergency powers authorized by the foregoing Proclamations declaring a state of local emergency, and extended every seventh day thereafter, are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this Proclamation.


DONE AND ORDERED in Flagler County, Florida, this 11th day of November 2024.

FLAGLER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

  
Andrew S. Dance, Chair

CONCURRENCE:

  
Heidi Petito  
County Administrator

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by Jonathan Lord  
Jonathan Lord  
Emergency Management Director

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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