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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Prepare for Tropical Storm Idalia – impacts expected for Flagler County

August 28, 2023 – Flagler County urges residents to prepare to face Tropical Storm Idalia impacts which are expected to affect the area late Tuesday night and throughout the day on Wednesday.

"Starting early on Wednesday, we expect to see Tropical Storm Force Winds, potentially over 50 mph and some minor coastal flooding primarily due to the lunar high tide," said Emergency Management Director Jonathan Lord. "We urge all of our residents to complete preparations, on Monday, as if a Category 1 Hurricane is approaching our area, even though our impacts will likely be more Tropical Storm like."

Lord recommends preparing for strong winds by securing loose, light outdoor items that could become flying projectiles and ensuring that your disaster supply kit is stocked and ready for the next 7-days. Additional details are available by going to <u>www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency</u> and clicking on the Disaster Preparedness Guide.

It is important to note that evacuations may be required Tuesday afternoon for those in mobile homes and RVs.

Flagler County and the Flagler County Sheriff's Office will be supporting sandbagging stations at:

- Hidden Trails Community Center, 6108 Mahogany Boulevard, Bunnell (Daytona North), from 3p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, August 28, and again on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Bay Drive Park, 30 Bay Drive, Palm Coast (The Hammock), from 3p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, August 28, and again on Tuesday, August 29, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Again, this support will be available from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to like and follow **FlaglerEOC** on social media. Even those who are not social media users can view Emergency Management's latest updates by visiting:

- Instagram: <u>www.Instagram.com/FlaglerEOC</u>
- X (Twitter): <u>www.Twitter.com/FlaglerEOC</u>
- Facebook: <u>www.Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC</u>

For more information about emergency preparedness, please visit <u>www.FlaglerCounty.gov/emergency</u> or call 386-313-4200 during normal business hours.

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