RESOLUTION NO. 27-01

A RESOLUTION AND DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA, A FLORIDA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, DUE TO THE THREAT POSED BY HURRICANE ISAIAS; AUTHORIZING THE WAIVER OF CERTAIN PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias poses a serious and immediate threat to the lives, health, safety, and property of the residents of the City of Chipley, Florida, with the potential to cause widespread damage through high winds, heavy rainfall, localized flooding, and power outages; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued **Executive Order 26-202** declaring a State of Emergency for certain counties in Florida due to the impending threat of Hurricane Isaias, including Washington County; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, grants each political subdivision the authority to declare a state of local emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven-day increments, and to waive certain procedures and formalities otherwise required by law; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chipley is a municipality duly created and existing pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida and, as such, is a "political subdivision" as defined in Section 252.34, Florida Statutes, entitled to exercise the emergency management powers set forth in Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a Local State of Emergency is necessary to activate local emergency response plans and to authorize the temporary waiver of certain standard administrative procedures in order to protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to expedite mitigation, response, and recovery efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chipley, Florida:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY.

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Chipley, Florida, due to the imminent threat and anticipated impacts of Hurricane Isaias.

SECTION 2. WAIVER OF PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES.

Pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, and the City's authority as a municipal political subdivision of the State of Florida, the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City of Chipley by law pertaining to the following are hereby waived for the duration of this emergency:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary in response to the emergency to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
2. Entering into contracts, provided that all contracts entered into under this emergency authority shall be documented in writing and presented to the City Council for ratification at the next regular meeting following termination of the emergency.

3. Incurring obligations directly related to emergency response, mitigation, and recovery efforts.
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
5. Utilization of volunteer workers.
6. Rental of equipment.
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds, provided that any single expenditure exceeding $50,000 shall require the approval of the Mayor and City Administrator, and a full accounting of all emergency expenditures shall be presented to the City Council within thirty (30) days following termination of this emergency declaration.

SECTION 3. ACTIVATION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLANS.

All applicable emergency management plans for the City of Chipley and Washington County are hereby activated. The Mayor, City Administrator, and designated emergency management personnel are empowered to execute emergency operations, issue necessary public safety orders (including evacuations or curfews if required), and coordinate mutual aid with county, state, and federal agencies.

SECTION 4. DURATION.

This Local State of Emergency shall remain in effect for seven (7) days from the date of adoption by the City Council, unless terminated earlier by the Mayor or City Council, or extended in additional seven-day increments as necessary to respond to the ongoing emergency and recovery conditions.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Declaration and Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October **, 2026**.

CITY OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

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Hon. Tracy Andrews, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Sherry Snell, City Clerk