

**STATE OF GEORGIA  
COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM**



**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, a tropical event, Tropical Storm Debby forecasted to impact Effingham County beginning August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024. The impacts may include heavy rainfall, damaging winds, and historic flooding.

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment of the Chair of the Effingham County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Effingham Emergency Management Agency, there exist emergency circumstances located in Effingham County requiring extraordinary and immediate actions for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Effingham County, including individuals with household pets and service animals; and

**WHEREAS**, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from the potential severe impacts of Tropical Storm Debby, certain actions are required.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

**IT IS HEREBY DECLARED** that a local state of emergency shall commence on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 7:00 A.M., and continue for a period of five (25 days, expiring on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 11:59 P.M.

**THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:**

1. That the Effingham County Emergency Management Agency activates the Emergency Operations Plan;

2. That the following sections of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances be Implemented:

Chapter 18, Article II, Sect 18-37, Emergency management and response powers; and

Chapter 18, Article II, Sect 18-39, Authority to Waive Procedures and Fee Structures; and

Chapter 18, Article II, Sect 18-41, Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews During an Emergency; and

Chapter 42 Sect 42-9, Overcharging for Goods, Materials, Services,  
and Housing During State of Emergency Prohibited.

3. That this declaration of local emergency shall terminate at 11:59 PM on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**ENTERED** this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2024.



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**Wesley Corbitt**  
Chairman

ATTEST:

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**Stephanie Johnson**  
County Clerk