

**STATE OF GEORGIA
COUNTY OF EFFINGHAM**

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(Extended)**

WHEREAS, a tropical event, Hurricane Helene forecasted to impact Effingham County beginning September 26th, 2024. The impacts may include moderate rainfall, damaging winds, and the risk of tornadoes.

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 September 26th, 2024. at 8:30 A.M., and continue for a period of four days, expiring on Friday, October 4, 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
October 4, 2024.
4. That the Effingham County Human Resources Standards of Practice Policy
5.05 Emergency Conditions be Implemented.

ENTERED this 27th day of September, 2024.



Wesley Corbitt, Chairman
Effingham County Board of Commissioners

