

CITY OF LABELLE

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA RATIFYING THE DECLARED STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY WHICH PROVIDED FOR EMERGENCY GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS RELATED TO HURRICANE HELENE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle places the highest premium on safety of life and property in the City during storm events; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene posed a serious potential threat to the residents and property of the City of LaBelle; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has promulgated Executive Orders Nos. 24-208 and 24-209 wherein he found that a State of Emergency exists within the State of Florida inclusive of Hendry County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, authorizes municipalities to declare a state of local emergency and to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required of municipalities to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the City in the event of a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Chapter 20 of the LaBelle Code authorizes the Mayor to declare a state of emergency to respond to the emergency should a quorum of the City Commission be physically unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene had a significant impact on this area, the effects of which are still being fully ascertained and include extensive flooding, wind and water damage, not only to public infrastructure but to homes and businesses throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor hereby requests the Commission ratify her execution of Resolution 2024-24 declaring a local state of emergency in advance of Hurricane Helene, any extensions thereof, and those emergency actions and orders issued by the Mayor in response to the local state of emergency in response to Hurricane Helene.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of LaBelle, Florida hereby resolves:

Section 1. The recitals above are hereby incorporated herein.

Section 2. The Mayor is provided plenary authority on behalf of the City Commission to take all actions necessary for protection of persons and property authorized by law.

Section 3. All Resolutions authorized by and actions taken by the Mayor during the state of local emergency including the prior Declaration of Local Emergency are hereby ratified. Additionally, the current state of emergency is continued as provide in Section 4.

Section 4. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. Consistent with Florida Statutes §252.38(3), the duration of this state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days and may be extended, as necessary by resolution, in 7-day increments.

DULY PASSED AND ENACTED by the City Commission of LaBelle, Florida this 10th day of October, 2024.

Attest:

By: _____
Tijauna Warner, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

By: _____
Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor

Reviewed for legal sufficiency:

By: _____
Derek Rooney, City Attorney