

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2024-68
ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE COUNTY MANAGER
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
HURRICANE MILTON (October 2024)**

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center is currently tracking Hurricane Milton that is forecast to impact the Gulf Coast of Florida (the “Storm”);

WHEREAS, the County Manager of Levy County (the “County Manager”) has been informed by County Emergency Management staff that the Storm has the potential to threaten or impact Levy County with hazardous conditions including, but not limited to, severe flooding, storm surge, heavy rainfall, strong winds, and isolated tornadic activity;

WHEREAS, the hazardous conditions from the Storm have the potential to: cause widespread damage across Levy County to government and private property, impact the roadways, disrupt utilities, and cause economic losses; therefore, this weather event poses a significant, imminent and dangerous threat to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of and visitors to Levy County, Florida and to their real and personal property;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, authorizes a Local State of Emergency to be declared by proclamation of the County Manager, when the Chair or Vice Chair are unavailable and when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners (the “Board”) is unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, due to the forecast timing of the arrival of the Storm, the Board is unable to meet in advance; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS AND DECLARES:

1. That a state of emergency exists in Levy County, Florida, effective for 7 days commencing at 7 a.m on Sunday, October 6, 2024.
2. The County Manager and her designee(s) are empowered, authorized and directed to exercise all emergency powers and take all actions expressly or implicitly conferred on the County by: Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; all emergency orders issued by the Governor; the County Code of Ordinances; the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Declaration adopted by the Board or issued by the Chair or other authorized official of the County.

3. As authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, all procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to the following are hereby waived:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
 - b. Entering into contracts.
 - c. Incurring obligations.
 - d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
 - e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
 - f. Rental of equipment.
 - g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
4. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Emergency Declaration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board within 3 days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's Emergency Management website <https://levydisaster.com>.

ISSUED on October 6, 2024 at 7am.

LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA



Mary-ellen Harper, County Manager

This is a form document approved by the County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency