

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #1 - ORDERING MANDATORY EVACUATION
AND THE OPENING OF PUBLIC SHELTERS
HURRICANE MILTON (October 2024)**

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-214 declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Hurricane Milton (the “Storm”), and on October 6, 2024, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 24-215 amending Executive Order 24-214 (collectively, the “Governor’s Orders”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida (the “Code”), on Sunday, October 6, 2024, the County Manager of Levy County (the “County Manager”) issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-68 declaring a Local State of Emergency in Levy County due to the Storm and authorizing the County Manager and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action; and

WHEREAS, likewise, this Administrative Order is issued by the County Manager who, in consultation with the County Emergency Management staff, finds it necessary to order mandatory evacuation in certain circumstances/areas and the opening of public shelters for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Manager orders:

1. **Mandatory evacuation**, to commence immediately at 8:00 a.m. on October 8, 2024, of persons residing in:
 - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, and to the maximum extent possible, the recreational vehicles shall be removed from the County;
 - mobile homes and manufactured homes throughout the County;
 - coastal communities in the County;
 - low lying areas throughout the County; and
 - all areas west of U.S. Highway 19.

2. **Opening of the following public shelters** commencing 8am on Tuesday, October 8, 2024:
 - Special Needs Shelter: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
 - General Population Shelter: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL

Any person violating an emergency order of the County is subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 30-37 of the County Code and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

This Administrative Order #1 is issued on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA



Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager

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