

**FIFTH EXTENSION OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2024-64
HURRICANE HELENE (2024)**

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-208 declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine, which became Hurricane Helene (the "Storm"), and subsequently, the Governor issued Executive Orders Number 24-209, 24-212 and 24-213 amending Executive Order 24-208 (collectively, the "Governor's Orders");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, on Monday, September 23, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-64 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 (the "Emergency Declaration"); and subsequently, the County Manager issued a First Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 7; a Second Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 14; a Third Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 21; and a Fourth Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 28 (collectively, the "Declaration and Extensions");

WHEREAS, the County Manager has been informed by the County Emergency Management Director that conditions and damage from the Storm continue to require mitigation, response and/or recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Code designates and empowers the County Manager to take all necessary emergency action when the Chair and Vice Chair are unavailable and when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners is unable to meet.

NOW THEREFORE, THE COUNTY MANAGER HEREBY FINDS AND DECLARES:

1. That the Local State of Emergency is extended for a period of 7 days commencing at 8am on Monday, October 28, 2024.
2. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Extension 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 designated website <https://levydisaster.com>.

ISSUED on Friday, October 25, 2024.

LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA



Mary-ellen Harper, County Manager