SEVENTH 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 24-209, 24-212 and 24-213 amending EO 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 1st Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 7; a 2nd Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 14; a 3rd Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 21; a 4th Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8am on Monday, October 28; a 5th Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8 am on Monday, November 4; and a 6th Extension extending the Emergency Declaration until 8 am on Monday, November 11 (collectively, the "Declaration and Extensions");

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the Code authorizes 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, November 11, 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.

LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Mary-Ellen Harper, County Manager

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