

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2022-61  
ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIRMAN  
DECLARING A STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY  
TROPICAL STORM IAN**

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 2022-219 (amending Executive Order Number 2022-218) declaring a state of emergency for all Florida counties related to the anticipated effects of Tropical Depression Nine, now Tropical Storm Ian (collectively, the "Governor's Orders");

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County (the "Chairman") has been informed by County Emergency Management staff that Tropical Storm Ian is forecast to become a hurricane and 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 Tropical Storm Ian 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**, Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, authorizes a State of Emergency to be declared by proclamation of the Chairman when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") is unable to meet; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the timing of the potential landfall of Tropical Storm Ian, the Board is unable to meet in advance; and

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS AND DECLARES:**

1. That a state of general emergency exists in Levy County, Florida, effective for 7 days commencing at 8am on Monday, September 26, 2022.
2. The County Coordinator and his designee(s) are empowered, authorized and directed to provide any life-saving assistance, as well as to exercise any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred by Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; the County Code of Ordinances and the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

3. As provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and authorized by the Governors Orders, 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 this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022 at 2:05 p.m.

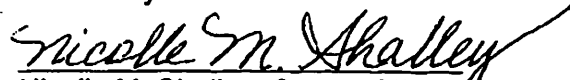
**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
Russell Meeks Jr., Chairman

ATTEST: Danny J. Shipp, Clerk  
of the Circuit Court and Ex-Officio  
Clerk to the Board of County  
Commissioners

  
Danny J. Shipp

Approved as to form and legal  
sufficiency

  
Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney