ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2 - ORDERING EXPANDED AREA OF MANDATORY EVACUATION HURRICANE HELENE (September 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, now Tropical Storm Helene (the "Storm"), and on September 24, 2024, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 24-209 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 (the "Code"), on Monday, September 23, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Chair") 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;

WHEREAS, likewise, the Chair, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director and County Manager, issued Administrative Order #1 on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 ordering 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; and

WHEREAS, due to anticipated impacts of the Storm, including historic levels of Storm Surge, the County Manager, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director, issues this Administrative Order #2 expanding the area of mandatory evacuation.

NOW THEREFORE, the County Manager orders:

- 1. **Mandatory evacuation**, to commence immediately and be completed by 6 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024, of persons residing in:
 - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, <u>and</u> 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. **The following public shelters** opened at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, September 25, 2024 and remain open:

- <u>Special Needs Shelter</u>: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
- <u>General Population Shelter</u>: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
- <u>General Population Shelter</u>: Williston Middle High School (no pets), 350 Robert Philpot Way, Williston, 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 #2 is issued on Wednesday, September 25, 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