

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2022-66
ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN
DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
TROPICAL STORM NICOLE**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-253 declaring a State of Emergency for 34 counties in Florida, and on November 9, 2022, the Governor the issued Executive Order 22-255 (amending Executive Order 22-253) to add 11 more Florida Counties, including specifically Levy County;

WHEREAS, the Vice Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County (the "Vice Chairman"), serving in the absence of the Chairman, has been informed by County Emergency Management staff that Levy County is under a Tropical Storm Warning and Storm Surge Warning due to the anticipated threats and impacts of Tropical Storm Nicole, which include wind, storm surge and flooding rain;

WHEREAS, the hazardous conditions from Tropical Storm Nicole 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, Sections 252.38 and 252.46, Florida Statutes, grant the County emergency management powers, including the power to declare a State of Emergency;

WHEREAS, Chapter 30 of the County Code authorizes the Declaration of Emergency to be issued by proclamation of the Chairman (or in his absence, the Vice Chairman) when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") is unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, the Board is unable to meet at this time and the Chairman is not available to sign an Emergency Declaration.

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

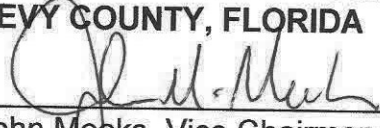
1. That a state of emergency exists in Levy County, Florida, effective for 7 days commencing at 8am on Wednesday, November 9, 2022.
2. The County Coordinator and his designee(s) are empowered, authorized and directed to exercise all emergency powers and take all actions

expressly or implicitly conferred on the County by Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; all emergency orders issued the Governor; the County Code of Ordinances; the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Declaration adopted by the County Commission or issued by the Chairman or other authorized official of the County.

3. As provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and as 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>.

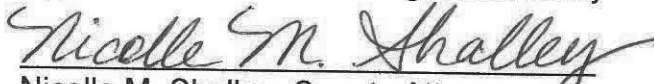
ISSUED this 9th day of November, 2022.

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



John Meeks, Vice Chairman

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency



Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney