

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

A PROCLAMATION BY THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM ELSA, AND AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 252.38(3)(a)(5), *FLORIDA STATUTES*.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida adopted Ordinance 2001-05, later codified as Chapter 26 of the *Bradford County Code of Ordinances* invoking the powers provided for in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-8(a) of the *Bradford County Code of Ordinances*, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida granted authority to the Emergency Management Direction to declare, by proclamation, a State of Local Emergency when it is determined that conditions exist giving rise to such a declaration: and

WHEREAS, according to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, the duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven days and may be extended, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, as of 11:00 AM on September 24th, 2022 the tropical cyclone identified as Ian and classified as a Tropical Storm, is located approximately 800 miles southeast of the Florida peninsula; with maximum sustained winds of 45 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the current forecast models predict that Tropical Storm Ian will continue to track toward the Florida peninsula and will likely approach and impact the State of Florida as a major hurricane within the coming days; and

WHEREAS, given the foregoing, Tropical Storm Ian is predicted to have significant – and potentially devastating- effects on the State of Florida and, potentially, Bradford County; and

WHEREAS, on or about September 23rd, 2022 Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-218, and on or about September 24th, 2022, issued Executive Order 22-219 a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "1" and is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, said Executive Order 22-218 declared a State of Emergency in 24 of Florida's counties and Executive Order 22-219 declared a State of Emergency in all 67 of Florida's counties, including Bradford County, as a result of the pending impacts of Tropical Storm Ian; and

WHEREAS, a review of all relevant factors, including the information outlined herein, indicates that Tropical Storm Ian poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and specifically to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat of Tropical Storm Ian requires that timely precautions be taken to protect the community, critical infrastructure and general welfare of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat of Tropical Storm Ian represents a severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, said severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County represents a true and active emergency; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local state of emergency under these conditions is determined to be in the best interest of Bradford County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code*, and Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, for the aforementioned and above-outlined reasons, the undersigned, *LIEUTENANT BRADLEY G. WITT*, hereby (1) declares and proclaims a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida, for the period commencing on **September 24th, 2022** and continuing through **September 30th, 2022**; and (2) activates the *Bradford County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and authorizes the utilization of the emergency powers provided under Sections 252.31 through 252.62, *Florida Statutes*.

PROCLAIMED this 24th day of September, 2022

A handwritten signature in green ink, appearing to read 'B. Witt', with a horizontal line extending to the right from the end of the signature.

By: LT. BRADLEY G. WITT, as its
Emergency Management Director