

RESOLUTION 2021 - 20

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA CONFIRMING THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY RESULTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF TROPICAL STORM ELSA IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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WHEREAS, on March 5, 2011, 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* (hereinafter referred to as the *Code*) invoking the powers provided for in Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-8(a) of the *Code*, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida granted authority to the Emergency Management Director to declare, by proclamation, a state of local emergency from time to time 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, in seven-day increments; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 3, 2021, a tropical cyclone identified by the United States National Hurricane Center as Tropical Storm Elsa, was located approximately 110 miles southeast of Isa Beata, Dominican Republic and had maximum sustained winds of 70 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 3, 2021, forecasts for Tropical Storm Elsa indicated that the storm was likely to strengthen once in the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the United States National Weather Service predicted that Tropical Storm Elsa would affect Bradford County, Florida by producing increased rainfall and significant winds; and

WHEREAS, there was a risk of severe weather for Bradford County and Bradford County is susceptible to flooding and downed trees due to higher than normal rainfall events; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 3, 2021, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 21-150*, declaring a state of emergency in select, Florida counties in response to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Elsa; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 5, 2021, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 21-151* which extended *Executive Order 21-150*; declaring a state of emergency in additional Florida counties, by adding Florida Big Bend, in response to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Elsa; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 6, 2021, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued *Executive Order 21-152* which extended *Executive Order 21-150*; declaring a state of emergency in additional Florida counties, including Bradford County, Florida, in response to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Elsa; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 4, 2021, a review of all relevant factors, including the information outlined above and herein, indicated that the effects of Tropical Storm Elsa posed a significant threat to the State of Florida and specifically to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, said threat posed by Tropical Storm Elsa represented a direct threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida and represented a bona fide, active emergency; and

WHEREAS, on or about July 4, 2021 and given the foregoing, Bradford County Emergency Management Director, Lieutenant Bradley G. Witt, issued a proclamation declaring a state of local emergency in Bradford County, Florida with regard to the threat of and impacts associated with Tropical Storm Eta; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida finds that said proclamation declaring a local state of emergency with regard to the threat of and impacts associated

with Tropical Storm Elsa – issued July 4, 2021 – was and remains necessary for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida and is therefore in best interest of Bradford County, Florida and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE be it resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida as follows:

Section 1.                    Adoption and Incorporation of Recitals.

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida adopts the above-outlined recitals and incorporates them herein as part and parcel of this resolution.

Section 2.                    Purpose and Authority for Resolution.

This resolution is adopted for the purpose of adopting, approving and ratifying the proclamation by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director, dated July 4, 2021, declaring a local state of emergency with regard to the threat of and impacts associated with Tropical Storm Elsa and is adopted pursuant to the authority granted by Chapters 125 and 252, *Florida Statutes*, Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code of Ordinances* and *Executive Order 21-150*, *Executive Order 21-151* and *Executive Order 21-152*, issued by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis.

Section 3.                    Confirmation of Proclamation and Declaration of Emergency.

The Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida hereby confirms the July 4, 2021 proclamation by the Bradford County Emergency Management Director, Lieutenant Bradley G. Witt, declaring a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida resulting from the effects of Tropical Storm Elsa, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, and declares a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida for the period commencing on July 4, 2021 and continuing through July 11, 2021.

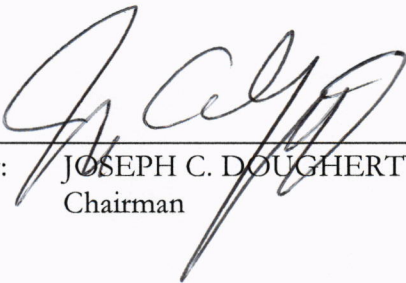
Section 4.

Effective Date of Resolution.

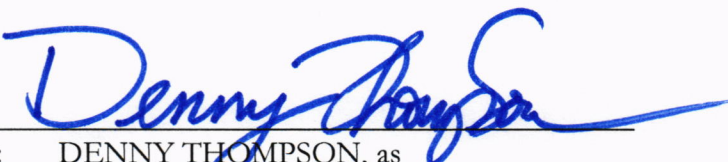
This resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida.

RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida, with a quorum present and voting, this 15th day of July 2021.

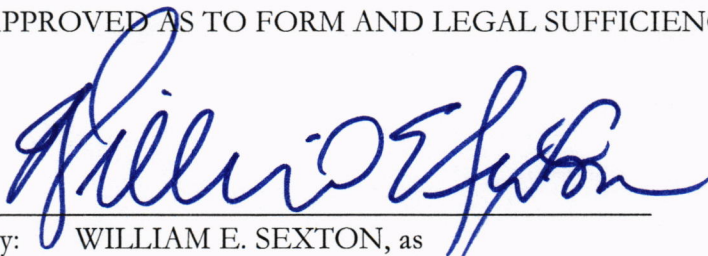
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

  
By: JOSEPH C. DOUGHERTY, its  
Chairman

ATTEST:

  
By: DENNY THOMPSON, as  
Clerk to the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

  
By: WILLIAM E. SEXTON, as  
County Attorney