

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2024-06**  
*(No Wake Zone – Countywide All Water Bodies)*

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management, and Article VI, Chapter 2, Lake County Code, entitled *Emergency Management Powers and Procedures*, establish the procedures for declaring a local state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton, before making landfall in the United States, posed a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Lake County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Lake County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

**WHEREAS**, by Executive Order Number 24-215 issued on October 6, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for 51 counties due to the threat posed by Hurricane Milton, including Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chairman, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, did issue Emergency Order 2024-03, extended through issuance of Emergency Order 2024-05, for the purposes of declaring a local State of Emergency for Lake County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, boats and vessels which travel at a speed in excess of that necessary to maintain steerage will cause a wake to occur which may result in damage to persons and property along the shores of rivers, lakes, or other waterbodies within the geographic boundaries of Lake County; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that political subdivisions have the power during an emergency to provide for the health and safety of persons and property; and

**WHEREAS**, it serves the health, safety, and general welfare of the residents of Lake County to establish boating restrictions on all waterbodies located within geographic boundaries of Lake County.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

**Section 1.**      **Recitals.** The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.

**Section 2.**      **Imposition.** An “Idle Speed - No Wake” Zone within 100 feet of the shoreline for all waterbodies within the geographic boundaries of Lake County, Florida, is hereby imposed.

**Section 3.**      **Definition.** Rule 68D-23.103(3)(a), Florida Administrative Code, states that an “Idle Speed No Wake” and “Idle Speed” may be used interchangeably and mean that a vessel must proceed at a speed no greater than that which will maintain steerageway and headway. At no time is any vessel required to proceed so slowly that the operator is unable to maintain control over the vessel or any other vessel or object that it has under tow.

**Section 4.**      **Violations.** The violation of any prohibition, restriction or regulation made herein, unless language to the contrary appears herein, shall upon conviction be punished according to law and shall be subject to a fine not exceeding the sum of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), or imprisonment in the County jail for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

**Section 5.**      **Enforcement.** The Lake County Sheriff of Lake County and all other Law Enforcement forces are hereby authorized and directed to enforce this order.

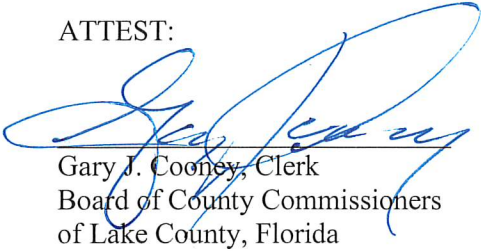
**Section 6. Duration.** This Order shall remain in place until repealed or until the local state of emergency has expired.

**APPROVED** this 13th day of October 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kirby Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

  
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Gary J. Cooney, Clerk  
Board of County Commissioners  
of Lake County, Florida



Approved as to form and legality:

  
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Melanie Marsh, County Attorney