

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2024-02

AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO TROPICAL STORM HELENE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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, Tropical Storm Helene, is expected to become a hurricane before making landfall in the United States, and poses a significant threat of heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and damaging gusty winds, resulting in an 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 24-209 issued on September 24, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for 61 counties due to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Helene; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, has determined that a state of emergency exists and hereby declares a Local State of Emergency for all of Lake County, Florida.

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


Section 1. Emergency Declaration. A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Article VI, Chapter 2, Lake County Code.

Section 2. Emergency Management Powers. Upon the effective date of this Emergency Order, the Emergency Management Director and Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to exercise all applicable emergency powers set forth in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Article VI, Chapter 2, Lake County Code.

Section 3. Effective Date; Duration. This Emergency Order shall take effect upon signature and shall be in effect for seven (7) days or until canceled or extended as required by law.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 24th day of September, 2024.

ATTEST:


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




BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA


Kirby Smith, Chairman

This 24 day of September, 2024.

Approved as to form and legality:


Melanie Marsh, County Attorney