EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2023-01

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

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management, and Article VIII, 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 Idalia, expected to become Hurricane Idalia before making landfall in the United States, poses 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 23-171 issued on August 26, 2023, the Governor of the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for 33 counties due to the threat posed by Tropical Idalia; and

WHEREAS, by Executive Order Number 23-172 issued on August 28, 2023, the Governor of the State of Florida expanded the state of emergency to include Lake County due to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Idalia; and

WHEREAS, 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 the Lake County Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

- <u>Section 1.</u> <u>Emergency Declaration.</u> A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Article VIII, Chapter 2, Lake County Code.
- Section 2. <u>Emergency Management Powers</u>. 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 VIII, 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	day of August, 2023.
Gary Clerk Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida	BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA Kirby Smith, Chairman This 28 day of August, 2023.
Approved as to form and legality:	
Melanie Marsh, County Attorney	