

EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2025-1

AN EMERGENCY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE OCTOBER 26, 2025, FLASH FLOODING WEATHER EVENT 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, a warm front lifted northward across Central Florida on October 26, 2025, increasing the moisture across the area, creating scattered to numerous showers and isolated lighting storms across east Central Florida, resulting in flash flooding in portions of Lake County; and

WHEREAS, this event produced heavy rainfall totaling 14 to 19 inches in Eustis and 10-14 inches in Mount Dora, stranding motorists on flooded roads requiring rescue and temporary sheltering. Additionally, multiple roads were closed due to flooding or washouts, including portions of Britt Road, Wolf Branch Road, Timberlake Drive, Limit Avenue, and Donnelly Street, and two (2) sinkholes were reported in the Eustis area at East Crooked Lake Drive and Country Club Drive; and

WHEREAS, additional heavy rain is expected throughout the day on October 27, 2025, which has the potential to exacerbate the damaged and flooded areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, these storms have created, or will create 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, 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:

Section 1. Emergency Declaration. A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Article VII, Chapter 2, Lake County Code, entitled *Emergency Management Powers and Procedures*.

Section 2. Emergency Management Powers. Upon the effective date of this Emergency Order, the County Manager, Emergency Management Director, and Chairman of the

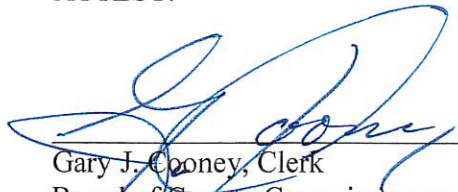
Board of County Commissioners shall have the authority to exercise all applicable emergency powers set forth in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Article VII, Chapter 2, Lake County Code, entitled *Emergency Management Powers and Procedures*.

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.

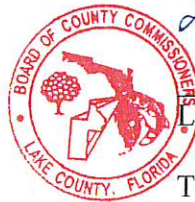
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27th day of October, 2025.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA



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





Leslie Campione, Chairman

This 27th day of October, 2025.

Approved as to form and legality:


10/27/25

Melanie Marsh, County Attorney