## **EMERGENCY ORDER 2024-04**

## EMERGENCY EVACUATION ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, pursuant to Emergency Order 2024-03, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida, declared a state of local emergency due to the potential of significant heavy rainfall, flash flooding, and damaging gusty winds resulting from the imminent, and dangerous threat to property within Lake County resulting from Hurricane Milton; and

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

WHEREAS, it has been determined the effects of Hurricane Milton could cause severe wind damage and flood damage throughout Lake County, Florida, and could pose an imminent risk to persons residing, visiting, or passing through the County; and

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

- **Section 1.** Recitals. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
- Section 2. <u>Emergency Declaration.</u> This Emergency Evacuation Order is hereby declared to be:
  - \_\_ Mandatory
  - **X** Voluntary
- **Section 3.** Areas Affected. Those persons residing, visiting, or passing through areas of Lake County prone to flooding, who may reside in, or are taking shelter in, an unsafe structure, such as a mobile home, or older building pre-dating hurricane construction building codes, are strongly encouraged to evacuate to a safer location no later than 12:00 PM, Wednesday, October 10, 2024.
- **Section 4 <u>Duration.</u>** This Voluntary Evacuation Order shall remain in place until repealed or until the local state of emergency has expired.
- **Section 5.** <u>Enforcement.</u> The Lake County Sheriff and all other law enforcement agencies are hereby authorized and directed to enforce this order.

## **APPROVED** this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Kirby Smith, Chairman

ATTEST:

Gary J. Cooney, Clerk

Board of County Commissioners

of Lake County, Florida

Approved as to form and legality:

Melanie Marsh, County Attorney