

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-22**  
**FIFTEENTH EXTENSION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY COUNTYWIDE**

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-171 on August 26, 2023, declaring a State of Emergency for several counties, including Lee County, in anticipation of the impacts of Hurricane Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 23-212 on October 24, 2023, extending Executive Order 23-171, as amended by Executive Order Numbers 23-172 (issued on August 28, 2023), 23-174 (issued on August 29, 2023), and 23-175 (issued on August 29, 2023), to renew the State of Emergency for the State of Florida for sixty (60) days, because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require continued support of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Lee County, Florida declared a State of Local Emergency on August 28, 2023, in anticipation of the impacts of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Idalia, Emergency Resolution No. 23-09-02, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Lee County Ordinance 87-01; on September 4, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-09-45; on September 11, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-09-46; on September 18, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-09-47; on September 25, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-09-48; on October 2, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-10-02; on October 9, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee

County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-10-04; on October 16, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-10-06; on October 23, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-10-22; on October 30, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-10-24; on November 6, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-11-02; on November 13, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-11-19; on November 20, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-11-21; on November 27, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-11-23; on December 4, 2023, the State of Local Emergency was extended pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01, Emergency Resolution No. 23-12-01; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes Section 252.38(3)(a)(5) provides authority for political subdivisions to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions in order to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252 of the Florida Statutes limits the duration of each State of Local Emergency to seven (7) days and it may be extended, as necessary, for additional terms in seven (7) day increments; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Idalia has caused personal injury and extensive damage to commercial, residential and public structures of Lee County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA this 11<sup>th</sup> day of December 2023:

1. That the effects of Hurricane Idalia continue to pose a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of Lee County and that an extension of a State of Local Emergency is declared, effective immediately for all unincorporated and incorporated areas within the local boundaries of Lee County, Florida.
2. The Resolution No. 23-09-02 Declaring a State of Local Emergency is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) day increment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as authorized under §252.38, Florida Statutes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

ATTEST:  
KEVIN C. KARNES,  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE  
RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Office of the County Attorney

