

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 25-03-04  
EXTENSION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY COUNTYWIDE

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-208 on September 23, 2024, and Amended Executive Order Number 24-209 on September 24, 2024, declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida for sixty (60) days in anticipation of Hurricane Helene; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 25-10 on January 17, 2025, extending Executive Order 24-208, as amended by Executive Order Number 24-209, and subsequently extended by Executive Order 24-249 (issued on November 21, 2024) 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 September 24, 2024, in anticipation of the impacts of Hurricane Helene, Emergency Resolution No. 24-09-52, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Lee County Ordinance 87-01; 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**, Emergency Resolution No. 24-09-52, as subsequently extended by Resolution No. 25-03-02, expires on March 11, 2025, unless extended; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension of Emergency Resolution No. 24-09-52 is necessary because Hurricane Helene 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:

1. That the effects of Hurricane Helene 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. 24-09-52 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.

DULY EXECUTED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

ATTEST: KEVIN C. KARNES  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Michelle Butler*  
Deputy Clerk

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Cecil L. Pendergrass*  
Commissioner Cecil L. Pendergrass, ~~Chair~~  
Lee County Board of County Commission  
Dist. ~~1~~  
Vice Chairman

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

By: *Andrea S. Jones*  
Office of the County Attorney

