LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 21-07-01 DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATING TO TROPICAL STORM ELSA.

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has recognized the danger to coastal residents of Florida from Tropical Storm Elsa, and the Governor of Florida has declared a State of Emergency for Charlotte, Citrus, Collier, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pasco, Pinellas, and Sarasota Counties in the State of Florida due to the severity and magnitude of Tropical Storm Elsa (attached), and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Elsa has the potential for causing life threatening conditions and extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, §252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, 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, Lee County Ordinance Number 87-01, states that when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners is unable to meet, the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners, or the Vice-Chairperson in his/her absence, or the County Administrator or his/her designee in the absence of the Chairperson, or Vice-Chairperson is authorized to declare a State of Local Emergency.

WHEREAS, the duration of this State of Local Emergency is limited to seven (7) days; however, it may be extended, as deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners or pursuant to Lee County Ordinance 87-01 for additional terms in seven (7) day increments.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED this 6th day of July, 2021, that Tropical Storm/Hurricane Elsa poses a serious threat to the lives and property of the residents of Lee County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared effective immediately for all unincorporated and incorporated areas within the local boundaries of Lee County, Florida.

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:
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

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

By:
Deputy Clerk

Office of the County Attorney

(Time)