

**LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 21-01-07**  
**DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**  
**(As per Ordinance 87-01)**

WHEREAS, Lee County was impacted by tornadoes that moved through Southwest Florida in the early morning of January 16, 2022, displacing approximately 300 residents resulting in the County opening Wa-Ke-Hatchee Rec Center for sheltering; and

WHEREAS, Lee County recognizes the destruction this tornado caused and that this State of Local Emergency is narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health and safety purposes; and

WHEREAS, this emergency situation requires the County to take all necessary action to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, §252.38 (3) (a) (5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision to declare a State of Local Emergency in order to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Lee County Ordinance No. 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 or her absence, or the County Manager or his designee in the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson is authorized to declare a State of Local Emergency.


WHEREAS, a state of local emergency shall be declared by written proclamation and signed by the chairperson, or the Vice Chairperson in his/her absence, or any other Board member present, or by the County Administrator or his/her designee, and automatically expires seven (7) days after the issuance but may be extended by a majority vote of the Board, as necessary, in seven (7) day increments for a total duration of not more than 42 days.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED THIS 16 day of January 2022, that the damage from the tornadoes 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.

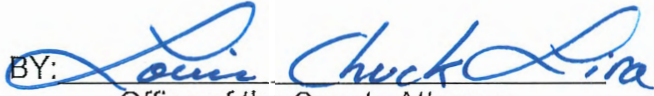
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in §252.38 (3) (a) (5), Florida Statutes.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:   
Chair or Designee

ATTEST:  
LINDA DOGGETT, CLERK

BY:   
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE  
RELIANCE OF LEE COUNTY ONLY:  
BY:   
Office of the County Attorney

01:31 P.M.  
(Time)

