



PROCLAMATION NO. 2024-05
First Extension of Declaration of State of Local Emergency

WHEREAS, the Chairwoman of the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners, as the Official Authority, adopted Proclamation No. 2024-04 on September 23, 2024, which declared a state of local emergency in Hernando County in preparation for the imminent landfall of **Hurricane Helene**, then known as "Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine"; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners ratified Proclamation 2024-04 on September 24, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, **Hurricane Helene** made landfall in Florida on Thursday, September 26, 2024, and,

WHEREAS, **Hurricane Helene** caused extensive damage to hundreds of residences and businesses in Hernando County and left many residents without power or utilities for extended periods; and,

WHEREAS, there are still many areas affected by flooding in Hernando County and by the continued threat of flooding; and,

WHEREAS, residents of Hernando County are in the process of clean-up efforts in their communities, which entails removing downed trees, debris and restoring homes that were affected by wind and water damage; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, Declarations of Local States of Emergency may be extended in seven (7) day increments; and,

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, states that it is the innate responsibility of local government to safeguard the life and property of its citizens; and,

WHEREAS, Hernando County must take timely emergency measures because of the heightened potential for injury or damage to life and property within the County; and,

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-204, Hernando County Code of Ordinances, when a quorum of the board is unable to meet, the chairman of the board, or in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman is hereby designated and empowered as the official authority to declare a state of local emergency whenever the official authority determines that natural or manmade disaster or emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of one is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action, and when a quorum of the board is unable to meet, the chairman of the board, or in the absence of the chairman, the vice chairman is hereby designated and empowered

as the official authority to execute orders and rules whenever the official authority determines that a natural or manmade disaster or emergency has occurred or that the occurrence or threat of one is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Chairwoman of the Board of County Commissioners of Hernando County, Florida, this 29th day of September 2024, that the Declaration of Local Emergency, Proclamation No. 2024-04, dated September 23, 2024, is hereby extended for an additional seven days from the effective date of this extension, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law. All emergency powers authorized by Proclamation No. 2024-04 of September 23, 2024, declaring a state of local emergency are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this extension.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this Proclamation to become effective September 30th, 2024, and through October 6th, 2024 11:57p.m., in Brooksville, Hernando County, Florida.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
HERNANDO COUNTY, FLORIDA**

Attest:



DOUGLAS A. CHORVAT, JR.
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

By:



ELIZABETH NARVERUD
CHAIRWOMAN

Approved to form and legal sufficiency:

By:



County Attorney