

**A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PASCO  
COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
RELATED TO TROPICAL STORM ELSA.**

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**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 21-50 on July 3, 2021, declaring that a state of emergency exists for certain counties in the State of Florida, including Pasco County due to the current forecast models for Tropical Storm Elsa (hereafter referred to as “the event”); and

**WHEREAS**, Pasco County is currently under a Tropical Storm Warning and a Storm Surge Warning. Current forecasts predict heavy rainfall impacting the west coast of Florida as the storm moves forward, and the event poses a potential and continuing threat to the lives and property of residents of Pasco County, requiring advance preparation and mobilization of resources, as well as flexibility and authority from the Board of County Commissioners to act in a timely manner to mitigate damage and render assistance to affected residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for political subdivisions, such as Pasco County, to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities; and
8. The transfer, amendment, appropriation and/or expenditure of public funds; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners of Pasco County, Florida in regular session, this 6th day of July 2021, hereby declares a State of Local Emergency, pursuant to Section 252, Florida Statutes, and Sections 30-29 and 30-30, Pasco County Code of Ordinances, effective immediately for all territory within the legal boundaries of Pasco County, including all unincorporated and incorporated areas, and authorizes the County Administrator or his designee to order evacuations, make emergency purchases, or take any other actions he deems necessary. This State of Local Emergency shall be effective upon enactment and shall remain in effect for a seven (7) day period thereafter, unless otherwise rescinded or extended as provided by law. Further, to the extent allowed by law, this declaration retroactively applies to ratify expenditures made and actions taken prior to the effective date of this LSE by county staff in

connection with preparations in anticipation of the event.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by it is expressly authorized that the County Administrator or the Emergency Management Director are each delegated the authority to (1) extend this initial declaration of a local state of emergency as many times as necessary, and (2) dissolve this local state of emergency (or any extensions thereof) if the event no longer poses a threat to the lives and/or property of Pasco County residents, or to public property. This delegation of authority to the County Administrator and/or the Emergency Management Director to extend or dissolve this local state of emergency does not require further action by this Board, and is granted whether or not a quorum of the board is able to meet; the procedures set out in sections 30-29 and 30-30 of the Pasco County Code that may be interpreted to be in conflict with this grant of authority are hereby waived.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that it is the intent of this Board that, given the possibility that episodic rainfall or high winds may result in only localized damage or flooding, that the County Administrator or his designee shall have the flexibility to institute, modify, amend, terminate, or reinstate evacuation orders as conditions and affected areas change, and without further action by this Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that it is the intent of this Board that, to the extent the County Administrator has already expended public funds in preparing for the event, all such actions are hereby RATIFIED and APPROVED.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners desires to facilitate the cleanup of debris on private property by those residents affected by wind, rainfall and/or flooding, and therefore this Board directs that the costs of debris disposal (tipping fees) otherwise charged to residents for debris disposal related to this event shall be paid from the general fund rather than by the affected residents.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners that said Board hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Sections 30-29 and 30-30, Pasco County Code of Ordinances.

**DONE AND RESOLVED** this 6th day of July, 2021.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA

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NIKKI ALVAREZ-SOWLES, ESQ.  
CLERK & COMPTROLLER

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RONALD E. OAKLEY, CHAIRMAN