

LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY RESOLUTION NO. 24-03-17
SEVENTY-EIGHTH EXTENSION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
COUNTYWIDE

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 22-218 on September 23, 2022 declaring a State of Emergency for the State of Florida for sixty (60) days in anticipation of Hurricane Ian, and an Amended Executive Order Number 22-219 on September 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-36 on March 1, 2024, extending Executive Order 22-218, as amended by Executive Order 22-219, and subsequently extended by Executive Orders 22-268 (issued on November 21, 2022), 23-21 (issued on January 19, 2023), 23-60 (issued on March 17, 2023), 23-104 (issued on May 15, 2023), 23-139 (issued on July 13, 2023), 23-176 (issued on September 8, 2023), 23-214 (issued on November 6, 2023), and 24-02 (issued on January 4, 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 26, 2022, in anticipation of the impacts of Hurricane Ian, Emergency Resolution No. 22-09-31, 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. 22-09-31, as amended and subsequently extended by Resolution No. 24-03-12, expires on March 25, 2024, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Emergency Resolution No. 22-09-31 is necessary because Hurricane Ian 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 Ian 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. 22-09-31 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 25th day of March 2024.

ATTEST: KEVIN C. KARNES
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

By: _____
Chairman

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

By: _____
Office of the County Attorney