

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA

PROCLAMATION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

A PROCLAMATION BY THE BRADFORD COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA RELATED TO TROPICAL DEPRESSION FOUR AND AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 252.38(3)(a)(5), *FLORIDA STATUTES*.

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners of Bradford County, Florida adopted Ordinance 2001-05, later codified as Chapter 26 of the *Bradford County Code of Ordinances* invoking the powers provided for in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 26-8(a) of the *Bradford County Code of Ordinances*, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners may declare, by proclamation, a State of Local Emergency when it is determined that conditions exist giving rise to such a declaration: and

WHEREAS, according to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, the duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven days and may be extended, as necessary; and

WHEREAS, as of 7:00 AM CDT on August 1st, 2024, the disturbance identified as Invest 97L, is in the Southwestern Atlantic and Eastern Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the current forecast models predict that Tropical Depression Four will continue to track toward the Florida peninsula and will likely approach and impact the State of Florida through major flooding and or other severe weather impacts within the coming days; and

WHEREAS, given the foregoing, Tropical Depression Four is predicted to have significant – and potentially devastating- effects on the State of Florida and, potentially, Bradford County; and

WHEREAS, a review of all relevant factors, including the information outlined herein, indicates that Tropical Depression Four poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and specifically to Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat of Tropical Depression Four requires that timely precautions be taken to protect the community, critical infrastructure and general welfare of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat of Tropical Depression Four represents a severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, said severe and immediate threat to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Bradford County represents a true and active emergency; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local state of emergency under these conditions is determined to be in the best interest of Bradford County and its citizens.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Chapter 26, *Bradford County Code*, and Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, for the aforementioned and above-outlined reasons, the undersigned, *Commissioner Carolyn Spooner, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners*, hereby (1) declares and proclaims a local state of emergency in Bradford County, Florida, for the period commencing on **August 3rd, 2024** and continuing through **August 10th, 2024**; and (2) activates the *Bradford County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan* and authorizes the utilization of the emergency powers provided under Sections 252.31 through 252.62, *Florida Statutes*.

PROCLAIMED this 3rd Day of August, 2024


By: Commissioner Carolyn Spooner as its
Chair of the Board of County Commissioners