

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 7, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has been informed by its emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Milton; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Palm Beach County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Palm Beach County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 24-214 declaring a State of Emergency in the State of Florida that includes Palm Beach County on October 5, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, there are exigent circumstances surrounding Hurricane Milton such that a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners may not practically be convened or allow for the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Palm Beach County Code Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-35 and Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provide that in such event, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED:**

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. I am the County Administrator of Palm Beach County, Florida.

3. The exigent circumstances surrounding Hurricane Milton do not allow for a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to practically be convened or allow for the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency.

4. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, in such event, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.

5. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Palm Beach County, Florida, effective **for seven (7) days beginning 9:00 a. m., this 7th day of October 2024.**

6. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Palm Beach County pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Palm Beach County.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

7. The County Administrator or designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 to provide for the health and safety of persons and property including,

but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within Palm Beach County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Palm Beach County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

8. This State of Emergency shall extend for a period of 7 days and may be extended as necessary in 7 day increments pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5) as determined by the County Administrator or designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the State of Emergency has ended.

9. This Declaration shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of Court.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND  
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: Verdenia C. Baker  
Verdenia C. Baker, County Administrator

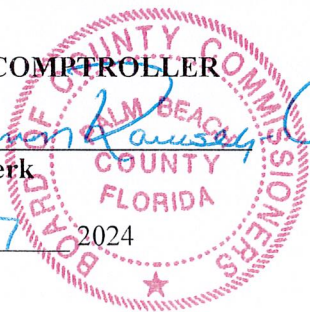
By: /s/ Denise Coffman, Esq.  
County Attorney

October 7, 2024  
Date

ATTEST  
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

By: Shannon Rawsey-Chessman  
Deputy Clerk

October 7, 2024  
Date



STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF PALM BEACH  
I, JOSPEH ABRUZZO, Clerk of the Circuit Court &  
Comptroller certify this to be a true and correct copy  
of the original filed in my office  
on: October 7, 2024  
dated at West Palm Beach, FL on October 7, 2024  
By: Shannon Rawsey-Chessman  
Deputy Clerk