PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2026

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2026, an aircraft crashed in an area of unincorporated Palm Beach County near Military Trail and 10th Avenue North, resulting in a significant emergency incident requiring an immediate response from public safety and emergency management personnel; and

WHEREAS, the aircraft crash resulted in fires, debris, damage to property and infrastructure, and conditions posing an immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Fire Rescue, the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, and other responding agencies have mobilized personnel and resources to conduct emergency response operations, secure the affected area, address hazardous conditions, and protect residents and property; and

WHEREAS, the incident has necessitated the closure of portions of Military Trail and may require evacuations, emergency medical services, debris removal, restoration of public infrastructure, and other protective measures; and

WHEREAS, the conditions resulting from the aircraft crash constitute an emergency that threatens the health, safety, and welfare of persons and property within Palm Beach County and warrants the declaration of a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the nature and extent of the incident require continued coordination among local, state, and federal agencies and the immediate availability of personnel, equipment, supplies, and other resources necessary to protect life and property; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County has also experienced significant flooding resulting from recent heavy rainfall, which has caused or threatens to cause hazardous conditions affecting roadways, public infrastructure, residential and commercial properties, and access to essential services; and

WHEREAS, the flooding presents an ongoing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors of Palm Beach County and may require immediate protective measures, emergency response operations, drainage and water management activities, and the deployment of County personnel, equipment, and resources; and

WHEREAS, the emergency conditions arising independently from the aircraft crash and the flooding necessitate prompt and coordinated action by Palm Beach County to protect life and property, maintain essential governmental services, and facilitate emergency response and recovery operations; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Palm Beach County Code Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-35, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency under the circumstances presented.

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 presented 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 this 1st day of November, 2026.**

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 protect the health, safety, and welfare of the County's residents, including to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 including, but not limited to, the power to issue emergency orders to protect the health and safety of persons and property, and to make, amend, and rescind such orders and rules as are necessary for such purposes.

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)(b)(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.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Joseph Abruzzo, County Administrator

11-01-26
Date

ATTEST
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

NOV. 2nd 2026
Date

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PALM BEACH COUNTY FLORIDA

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: */s/ David R. F. Ottey, Esq.*
County Attorney