

**EXECUTIVE ORDER EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
(Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, constitutional home rule powers, Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, the Seminole County Board of County Commissioners has adopted the Seminole County revised Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Executive Order 2022-001 was executed, declaring a Local State of Emergency under the provisions of Chapter 72, Seminole County Code, due to the severe weather; very high winds; heavy rain; threat of tornadoes and serious flooding posed by Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, the County extended the Local State of Emergency on a weekly basis due to the severe flooding and remediation of hazardous debris caused by Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole until the County allowed the Order to expire on December 20, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 2022-219 declaring a State of Emergency in all Florida Counties due to Hurricane Ian, and Executive Order No. 2022-253 declaring a State of Emergency in many Florida Counties, including Seminole, due to Hurricane Nicole; and

WHEREAS, the remediation efforts from both Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole inclusive of building construction and rehabilitation, debris removal, flood remediation, and repairs to utilities and other infrastructure, continue to pose a serious threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Seminole County; and

WHEREAS, State and Federal Agencies are providing assistance to residents that have sustained extensive flooding and damage to their home by Hurricane Ian and Hurricane Nicole in the form of Temporary Housing Units; and

WHEREAS, the County has since redeclared a Local State of Emergency, as allowed by Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, and desires to extend the Declaration for an additional seven (7) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Section 1. Extension of Declared Local State of Emergency. Due to the damage caused by severe weather; extensive debris; very high winds; heavy rain; tornadoes and flooding caused by Hurricane Ian, all of which pose a serious threat to the lives or property of the residents of Seminole County, an extension to the Declared Local State of Emergency is effective immediately. The Local State of Emergency will remain in effect within the legal boundaries of Seminole County, Florida for seven (7) days from the date hereof and may be extended by Executive Order as necessary in seven (7) day increments.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities Otherwise Required. Due to the extension of the Local State of Emergency, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance continue to be waived as they pertain to:

- (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community;
- (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; and
- (i) Placement of Temporary Housing Units.

Section 3. Alterations or Rescission. This Extension of the Declared Local State of Emergency may be altered or rescinded either by the issuance of a subsequent Executive Order or by an appropriate Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners.

ORDERED this 21st day of March, 2023; at 10:00am

By: Amy Lockhart
Amy Lockhart, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners

