

EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
RELATING TO TROPICAL STORM HELENE

WHEREAS, imminent danger to residents and property located in Seminole County is posed by the following conditions related to Tropical Storm Helene: heavy rain; and possible flooding in low lying areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions have the potential to cause damage to public streets and roads, public drainage systems, public facilities, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 24-209 declaring a State of Emergency for multiple Florida counties, including Seminole County, due to Tropical Storm Helene; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides authority for counties to declare a local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 72.4, Seminole County Code, grants the authority to declare a local state of emergency to the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, given the severity of weather conditions expected or occurring in the Country related to Tropical Storm Helene and the possibility of flooding and debris resulting from the storm, Seminole County finds it necessary and proper to declare a local state of emergency.

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

Section 1. Declaration of Local State of Emergency. Due to the foregoing, a Local State of Emergency is declared 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 Local State of Emergency, effective immediately, the procedures and formalities required of the County by law or ordinance are hereby 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; and
- (h) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

Section 3. Alterations or Rescission. This declaration of a 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 25 day of September, 2024; at 0800 AM/PM

By: 

JAY ZEMBOWER, Chairman
Seminole County Board of County Commissioners