

NASSAU COUNTY
STATE OF EMERGENCY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER
2024-001
(Tropical Storm Debby)

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2014, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners entered into an Emergency Management Interlocal Agreement with the Sheriff of Nassau County for operations of Emergency Management and said Interlocal Agreement was amended on January 28, 2019 (hereinafter “Interlocal Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Interlocal Agreement provides for “Director Reporting” and states that “[t]he Director of Emergency Management will report to the Sheriff during normal operations. However, the Director will report to the County Manager, as the designee of the Board of County Commissioners, in times of EOC activation, an emergency or a disaster declared under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.”; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners adopted the 2023-2027 Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) via Resolution 2023-118; and

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-156 declaring a State of Emergency throughout 54 Counties in the State of Florida, including Nassau County, in response to Invest 97L; and

WHEREAS, on August 3, 2024, Invest 97L was upgraded to Tropical Storm Debby;

and

WHEREAS, the adopted CEMP provides that the Emergency Management Director, with the concurrence of the Executive Policy Group (EPG), may recommend that the County Manager declare a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the EPG and Emergency Management Director have provided a recommendation to the County Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TACO E. POPE, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the County Emergency Management Plan and the Interlocal Agreement, hereby issue the following State of Emergency Executive Order:

Section 1. Declaration of the Local State of Emergency

As of this 4th day of August, 2024, Tropical Storm Debby poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Nassau County. Therefore, pursuant to the Nassau County Emergency Management Plan and having received recommendations from the Emergency Management Director and Executive Policy Group, a Local State of Emergency shall be declared, effective immediately, for a period of seven (7) days during the duration of the emergency for all territory within the legal boundaries of Nassau County, including that all unincorporated and incorporated areas shall be embraced by the provisions of this Executive Order.

Section 2. Waiver of Procedures and Formalities

As County Manager for Nassau County, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the county by law, ordinance, resolution, or policy pertaining to:

- Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure

- the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- Entering into contracts;
 - Incurring obligations;
 - Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
 - Utilization of volunteer workers;
 - Renting equipment;
 - Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities;
 - Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
 - Appropriation or requisition of merchandise, goods, equipment, services, property or personnel needed to alleviate the emergency with reimbursement paid at a later date; provided, reimbursement shall be at the rate charged during the ninety-day period immediately preceding the emergency unless there is good and sufficient reason to reimburse at a different rate.

This State of Emergency Executive Order shall be effective immediately upon my execution, this 4th day of August, 2024 and shall stay in effect for a period of seven (7) days, declaring a Local State of Emergency, unless said Local State of Emergency is extended by the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners.


DATED this 4th day of August, 2024.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



TACO E. POPE, AICP
County Manager

CONSENT:



TIM COOPER
Emergency Management Director