

RESOLUTION R2026-~~117~~
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County has been informed by its emergency management staff of the continued threat posed by the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis declared a State of Emergency in Executive Order Number 26-202 for twenty-five (25) counties including Escambia on October 06, 2026, for Tropical Depression Nine (attaining hurricane status as Hurricane Isaias on October 08, 2026, and making landfall on October 09, 2026) which remains in effect for 60 days from the date of issuance; and

WHEREAS, the aftermath of Hurricane Isaias posed and continues to pose an immediate threat to the lives, public health and safety, and property both real and personal of the inhabitants of Escambia County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 37-35 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances, the Board of County Commissioners may declare or extend a state of emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a), the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

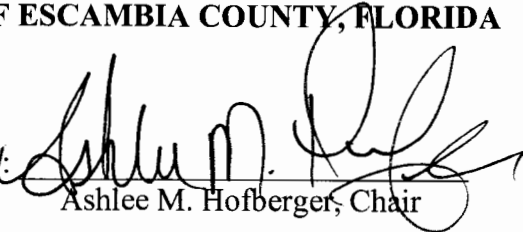
1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Escambia County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 8:00 a m., central daylight time, the 22nd day of October 2026.
3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Escambia County pertaining to the following:
 - 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.
4. The County Administrator or his 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. Emergency powers shall include actions necessary to lessen or eliminate the immediate threat to lives, public health or safety, or property, to include evacuation orders; any powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; and any other provision of law or county ordinance.
5. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) has been activated and is hereby extended as above.
6. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares the state of local emergency has ended, or is allowed to expire.

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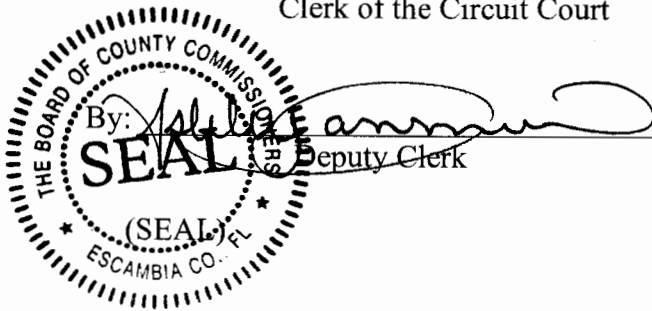
Adopted this 21st day of October 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair

Date Executed: 10/21/2026

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court



Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency.

By/Title:  Robert County Attorney
Date: 10-20-26