

RESOLUTION R2026- 101
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 imminent threat posed by Hurricane Isaias; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Escambia County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Escambia County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has 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 (declared Hurricane Isaias by the National Hurricane Center on October 07, 2026); and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners has duly met and considered whether to declare a state of local emergency.

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

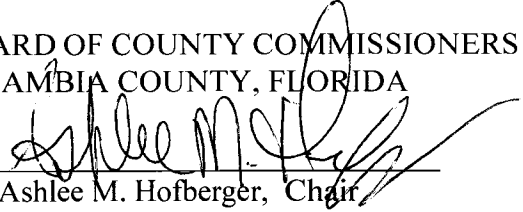
1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Escambia County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 8:00 a.m., central daylight time, this 8th day of October 2026.
3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures 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.

Date: 10/8/2026 Verified By: 

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, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within the County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Escambia County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other 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) is hereby activated.
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 that the state of local emergency has ended.
7. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption.

Adopted this 8th day of October 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Ashlee M. Hofberger, Chair

Date Executed

10/8/2026

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency.

By: William L. Nelson

Title: Deputy County Attorney

Date: 10/8/2026

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court

