

**PROCLAMATION
DECLARING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(BY CHAIRMAN OF BCC)**

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Division has advised that Tropical Storm Fred 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, after due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a)(1), in the event a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be convened, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a state of local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a)(1), I hereby proclaim, find, and declare:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. I am the duly selected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County, Florida.
3. After due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting.
4. Pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a)(1), in the event a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be convened, the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a state of local emergency.

5. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Escambia County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 11 30.m., central time, this 14th day of August, 2021.
6. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Escambia County pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure 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.
7. 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 and the adopted Escambia County Management Plan.

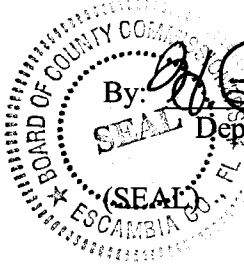
8. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated.
9. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of local emergency has ended.
10. This Proclamation shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: *Robert Bender*
Chairman

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: *Pam Childers*
Deputy Clerk

The seal is circular with the text "BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS" around the top and "ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FL" around the bottom. In the center, it says "SEAL" and "(SEAL)".

Dated this 14th day of August, 2021.

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency
By: *Kia M. Johnson*
Title: Assistant County Attorney
Date: 8-14-21