

Resolution # 2017-029

WHEREAS, the Gadsden County Board of Commissioners have met and considered the substantial likelihood of an emergency condition being caused by Hurricane Irma, and the fact that there is a likelihood of potential injury to the population, and potential damage to property beginning September 7, 2017; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that Gadsden County, Florida is hereby declared to be in a State of Emergency. Due to the rapid escalation of this situation, and the requirement for rapid action, notice of the special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners at which this Resolution was adopted could not be published in the local newspapers. However, reasonable notice under the circumstances was provided in accordance with County Ordinances, as notice was posted on the County's website, at the County's offices, and in all City Halls within the County, and was sent by electronic mail to all addresses on the County's E-mail notification system. Further, the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision as provided by Florida Statute 252.38; and

While the State of Emergency continues to exist, the County shall have the power and authority to carry on those activities set forth in FS 252.38, including but not limited to: appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victim of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of the emergency management plans and protocols in accordance with the plans and policies set forth by the Federal and State Emergency Management agencies; and

To appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers; and

To establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations; and

To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of Gadsden County, including the employees, the property or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services for emergency operation services, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision; and

To request State assistance or invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance by declaring a local State of Emergency in the event of an emergency affecting only one political subdivision. The duration of this State of Emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days; it may be extended as necessary, in seven-day increments.

By special order of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners on this 7th day of September, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA**

ATTEST:

**Nicholas Thomas,
Clerk of the Circuit Court**

By: _____
Sherrie D. Taylor, Chairperson