

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-01
DECLARATION OF STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
TROPICAL STORM IDALIA**

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Alachua County has been informed by its emergency management staff that Tropical Storm Idalia has the potential to threaten or through its effects impact Alachua County; and,

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis has also issued Executive Order number 23-171 finding that a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Order number 23-171 authorizing certain political subdivisions in the State of Florida, including Alachua County to waive certain procedures and formalities required of political subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Idalia is expected to become a Hurricane by the time it makes landfall and weather effects are expected to reach Alachua County as early as Tuesday August 29th.

WHEREAS, western Alachua County is currently under a hurricane watch according to the National Weather Service; and,

WHEREAS, the storm has the potential to cause widespread damage across Alachua County to Government and personal property, impact the roadways, disrupt utilities, cause flooding or, require that Alachua County be prepared to receive evacuees from other parts of the state before the actual weather impacts of the storm arrives, therefore this event has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Alachua County, Florida, including visitors and tourists, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Idalia meets the definition of weather event in Sec. 252.38 (4) and its impact on the authority of political subdivisions on enacting emergency orders in response to a weather event; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Code §27.07(4) the Chair of the Board is designated as the Official Authority in the absence of a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, the timing of the potential landfall of Tropical Storm Idalia an Emergency meeting of the Board is not practicable; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27-07, the Chair as the Official Authority hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. A state of general emergency hereby exists in Alachua County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning at 10:00 a.m., eastern daylight time, on this 28th day of August 2023.
3. The Sheriff of Alachua County is hereby designated the chief law enforcement official of the County, such grant of authority being supplemental to his authority under Chapter 30, F.S.
4. The procedures and formalities otherwise required of Alachua County pertaining to the following are waived:
 - 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.
5. This authority shall extend for the period of the state of general emergency, as determined by the Official Authority, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of general emergency has ended.
7. This Order shall be transmitted to the Alachua County Clerk of Court upon entry.

Issued this 28th day of August 2023, at 10:00 a.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Anna Prizzia (Aug 28, 2023 10:23 EDT)

Anna Prizzia, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM


Bob Swain (Aug 28, 2023 10:24 EDT)

County Attorney's Office