

**MANATEE COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER  
TROPICAL SYSTEM NICOLE**

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County, the State of Florida Division of Emergency Management, and the National Weather Service have recognized the danger to Manatee County residents, visitors, and business owners from potential tropical and severe weather of Tropical System Nicole; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County has areas vulnerable to the negative impacts of tropical and severe weather; and

**WHEREAS**, meteorological forecasts cannot predict with absolute certainty the location or severity of tropical or severe weather resulting in hazardous impacts; and

**WHEREAS**, any tropical or severe weather can result in injuries, damage to public and private property, and may result in first responders and government agencies intervening to protect lives, property, and the environment and to reduce impacts to utilities, public buildings, communication systems, transportation systems, and infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, provides for the establishment of a local emergency management agency, the appointment of a director thereof, the power and authority thereof, and the power and authority of the Board of County Commissioners in emergency situations; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, and Article II of Chapter 2-13 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances (Code), provide authority for Manatee County to declare a state of local emergency and to exercise the power and authority to carry out the provisions of Florida Statutes Chapter 252, including the authority to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivision by law pertaining to:

- 1) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- 2) Entering into contracts;
- 3) Incurring obligations;
- 4) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- 5) Utilization of volunteer workers;
- 6) Rental of equipment;
- 7) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and,
- 8) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Code Section 2-13-17 provides that, if a quorum of the Board is not available, the Chairperson of the Board has the authority to declare a state of emergency, and no such quorum is available on the date hereof.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED** by the Chairperson of the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, on this 8th day of November 2022, that the potential for tropical and severe weather from Tropical System Nicole poses a threat to the lives and property of residents of Manatee County and that a State of Local Emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately for all territory within the legal boundaries of Manatee County, including all unincorporated and incorporated areas.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the County hereby waives the above-mentioned procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes and Article II of Chapter 2-13 of the Code.

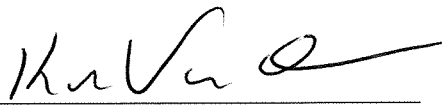
**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the County hereby delegates to the Director of Public Safety the authority to discharge the duties and exercise the powers specified in Section 2-13-19 of the Code, until such time as the Local Emergency declared herein is terminated or expired or seven days from this date, whichever is sooner. Pursuant to Florida Statute 252.38(4)(c), the state of emergency may be extended by majority vote of the Board, as necessary, in 7-day increments for a total duration of not more than 42 days.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDERED** that the County hereby delegates to the Deputy County Administrator, Courtney DePol, the authority to implement disaster emergency plans, agreements, and supporting documents in accordance with Section 2-13-17(c) of the Code.

**ORDERED** this 8th day of November 2022.

**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**  
a political subdivision of the State  
of Florida

By: Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Chairperson