

**MANATEE EMERGENCY
RESOLUTION NUMBER 03-183**

WHEREAS, Manatee County has experienced very heavy rainfall in recent hours; and,

WHEREAS, a malfunction in a floodgate in the Lake Manatee dam has prevented adequate controlled release of rising water; and,

WHEREAS, there is a possibility that the rising water may breach the spillway and thereby endanger life and property of residents of Manatee County located generally within the 100 year flood plain and possibly other areas; and,

WHEREAS, Manatee County Emergency Operations personnel have identified the areas most likely to be impacted if the spillway is breached; and,

WHEREAS, the Board finds it necessary to declare a state of emergency and order an evacuation of the affected areas described above; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 252 F.S. and Manatee County Ordinance 98-27 provide authority for Manatee County to declare a state of local emergency and to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by law; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners in emergency session this 22nd day of June 2003 that:

1. The above described information poses a serious threat to life and property of residents of Manatee County and that a state of local emergency is hereby declared within the bounds of Manatee County; and,
2. The Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County hereby exercise its authority pursuant to Chapter 252 F. S., and authorizes the Director of Emergency Management and the County Administrator's office to exercise all emergency powers provided in Chapter 252 F. S. and Manatee County Ordinances including the powers provided in the attached Exhibit "A"; and,
3. This emergency resolution shall continue in effect until rescinded by public declaration of the Director of Emergency Management or action of Board of County Commissioners; and,
4. All public officials and employees of Manatee County are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of the duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, state and local; and,

5. All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with the necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency disaster forces in executing the emergency operational plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officials.

ADOPTED IN EMERGENCY SESSION THIS 22 day of June, 2003 (with)(without) a quorum present.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Susan Louine
Clerk D.C.

BY: Ron Getman
SECOND Vice Chairman



EXHIBIT A

- (1) CONTRACTS; EQUIPMENT, SUPPLIES. Appropriately 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 victims of any emergencies; and direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans and programs in accordance with the policies and plans set by the Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies.
- (2) ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL. Appoint, employ, remove, or provide (with or without compensation), coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers.
- (3) EMERGENCY OPERATING CENTERS. 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.
- (4) ASSIGNMENT - COUNTY PROPERTY/PERSONNEL. Assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies which operate under the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, including the employees, property, and equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and similar items or services for emergency operation purposes, such as the primary emergency management forces of Manatee County for employment within or outside the political limits of Manatee County.
- (5) REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE. Request state assistance or invoke emergency related mutual aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of emergency effecting Manatee County. The duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days; it may be extended, as necessary, in seven (7) day increments.
- (6) WAIVER OF PROCEDURES. To waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Manatee County by law pertaining to:
 - (a) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action 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.