

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center has recognized the danger to residents of Florida from Hurricane Irma including the possibility that it may impact Manatee County;

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County has vulnerable residents requiring safe evacuation and sheltering from the hazards of a tropical storm or hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, the current forecast margin of error of the National Hurricane Center requires avoidance of undue delay in preparing for timely evacuation if the need therefore is determined; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Irma has the potential for causing extensive injury to persons or loss of life, and damage to private property as well as damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, and public drainage systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 252.38(1) and (3), Florida Statutes prescribe 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**, Chapter 252.46, Florida Statutes, and Manatee County Ordinance 05-29, 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 Section 252.31-252.90, Florida Statutes, 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 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 of supplies, materials, and facilities with or without compensation; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, in emergency session, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, that Hurricane Irma poses a serious 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 RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners 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 Manatee County Ordinance 05-29.

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby delegates to the Director of Public Safety the authority to discharge the duties and exercise the powers specified in Section 9A of Manatee County Ordinance 05-29, until such time as the Local Emergency declared herein is terminated or expired or seven days from this date, whichever is sooner.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commission hereby delegates to the Director of Public Safety the authority to implement disaster emergency plans, agreements, and supporting documents in accordance with Section 5A of Manatee County Ordinance 05-29.

**ADOPTED** in Emergency Session, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA,**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Robin DiSabatino, First Vice-Chairman

ATTEST:

Angelina M. Colonnese  
Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Deputy Clerk