

NASSAU COUNTY
STATE OF EMERGENCY
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER # 02
EVACUATION ORDER
(HURRICANE MILTON)

AN ORDER OF THE NASSAU COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR, PURSUANT TO THE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY; DECLARING AN EVACUATION IN CERTAIN AREAS; AND WAIVING CERTAIN PROCEDURES AND FORMALITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 252.38(3)(A)(5), FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Nassau County, Florida, has recognized the danger to residents in certain areas of Nassau County, Florida from Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, due to rainfall, possible flooding and expected storm surge of 3-5 feet, Hurricane Milton has the potential for causing extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings, and other essential services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the Emergency Management Director, in consultation with the County Manager and Executive Committee, has the authority to order an evacuation; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton poses a significant threat to the safety of the citizens in certain flood prone areas of Nassau County from flooding due to storm surge; and

WHEREAS, Governor DeSantis, pursuant to Executive Order Number 24-215, declared a State of Emergency for the State of Florida including Nassau County; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Nassau County to declare a “state of emergency” and to waive certain

procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivision by law, which was accomplished on October 7, 2024, pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-155; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, the Executive Policy Group met at 3:00 p.m. EST on October 8, 2024, and unanimously voted to support the incident response plan, which included the potential of issuing an evacuation order; and

WHEREAS, the Emergency Management Director met with the County Manager at 8:00 p.m. EST on October 9, 2024 and provided a verbal justification and request to issue an evacuation order.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TACO E. POPE, as Nassau County Manager, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of the State of Florida and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Nassau County Resolution No. 2024-155 declaring a Local State of Emergency, and the Nassau County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, hereby issues the following Emergency Evacuation Order:

1. Effective as of 9:00 p.m. EST, on October 9, 2024 an evacuation order is hereby issued.
2. This evacuation order is being issued for residents of Nassau County in residential properties, mobile homes, vulnerable structures and flood prone structures in Evacuation Zone A and Evacuation Zone D as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A".
3. Evacuation of the citizens in the above referenced zones will go into effect at 9:00 p.m. EST on October 9, 2024 and evacuation shall be completed on or before 9:00 a.m. EST on October 10, 2024.

4. This Evacuation Order shall remain in effect until lifted by further order of the County Manager or Board of County Commissioners.
5. This Order shall be disseminated by the Emergency Management Public Information Officer including copies to:
 - (a) The Sheriff of Nassau County, Florida;
 - (b) The Fernandina Beach Police Chief;
 - (c) State Law Enforcement agencies; and
 - (d) News media.
6. This Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

ISSUED this 9th day of October, 2024.

NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA



TACO POPE, AICP
COUNTY MANAGER

EXHIBIT A

