



## ***PROCLAMATION PRO2023-04***

### ***City of Dunnellon, Florida Declaration of a Local State of Emergency***

**WHEREAS**, on August 26, 2023 Florida Governor Ron DeSantis by Executive Order 23-171, declared a state of emergency for 33 Florida counties which includes Marion County, regarding Invest 93L, which has now been upgraded to Tropical Storm Idalia; and

**WHEREAS**, as of Monday morning, August 28, 2023, the National Weather Service has issued a Hurricane Watch for central and western portions of Marion County, indicating the possible occurrence of tropical storm force winds beginning as early as Wednesday morning, August 30, 2023 and continuing through Wednesday evening, August 30, 2023 raising the possibility of significant impacts to Marion County; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Idalia presents a threat of harm to life and property of the citizens of Marion County and Dunnellon, due to flooding, high winds and loss of essential services; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statute subsection 252.38(3), enumerating the emergency management powers of political subdivisions, provides at subparagraph (a)5, in part, "The duration of each state of emergency declared locally is limited to 7 days; it may be extended, as necessary, in 7 day increments." and,

**WHEREAS**, the State Emergency Management Act [sections 252.31-252.60, Fla. Stat.] defines "Emergency" as "any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or manmade, in war or in peace, which *results in* or *may result in* substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property." Sec. 252.34(3), Fla. Stat. (Emphasis added); and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Dunnellon to activate emergency management preparations in advance of Tropical Storm Idalia in order to minimize the hazards and damage that may be created by such storm; and

**WHEREAS**, certain additional personnel and specialized equipment are required to assist in administering the needs of the citizens and to determine the extent of damage; and

**WHEREAS**, the Dunnellon City Council hereby determines that Tropical Storm Idalia qualifies as an "emergency" as defined in F.S. Sec. 252.34(4) within the City of Dunnellon and such storm justifies the adoption of this declaration of state of local emergency.

***NOW THEREFORE***, I, Wallace Dunn, II, Mayor of the City of Dunnellon, in accordance with the provisions of Florida Statute 252.38, promulgate the following Declaration:

Section 1: A state of local emergency exists within Dunnellon due to the possible effects of Tropical Storm Idalia, effective August 28, 2023.

Section 2: Pursuant to City of Dunnellon Ordinance 98-1, the City of Dunnellon Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated, and the Emergency Management Coordinator of the City of Dunnellon shall have the power, authority, and duty to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare, and safety of the people of Dunnellon.

Section 3: The Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management shall provide overall coordination for County response and the City of Dunnellon shall coordinate through the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management regarding any assistance to be provided.

Section 4: All agencies will provide the necessary assistance as requested by the Marion County Sheriff's Office, Division of Emergency Management.

Section 5: The provision of the Declaration is in effect immediately and shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless otherwise extended in seven day increments as necessary, after determining the need therefore, based on the latest information from the Director of the Division of Emergency Management. Each such extension shall be documented by written memoranda to the Director of the Division of Emergency Management.

DECLARED this 28th day of August 2023.

ATTEST:

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Amanda L. Odom, CMC  
City Clerk

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Wallace Dunn, II  
Mayor