

RESOLUTION NO. R-24-193

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA; REGARDING DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATIVE TO POTENTIAL TROPICAL CYCLONE NINE (PTC NINE); DELEGATING AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, safeguarding the lives and property of its citizens is an innate responsibility of the governing body of each political subdivision of the state; and

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 severe weather of PTC Nine; and

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

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

WHEREAS, any 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, the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida (Board) has been informed by its Director of Public Safety and emergency management division staff that PTC Nine poses an imminent threat of a disaster emergency as defined in the County's Disaster Emergency Management Powers Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, specifically, the nature of the disaster emergency is the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from PTC Nine and its potential effects, which may include, but may not be limited to, prolonged heavy rainfall causing flash flooding, river flooding, coastal flooding, erosion, and gusty winds; and

WHEREAS, the area of the County threatened by this imminent disaster emergency include all unincorporated and incorporated areas of Manatee County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the conditions which have brought PTC Nine about include highly conducive environmental conditions including warm water temperatures and high moisture content in the atmosphere; 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 252.38, Florida Statutes, and Manatee County's Disaster Emergency Management Powers Ordinance, codified as Article II, Chapter 2-13 of the Manatee County Code of Ordinances, 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 Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including the authority to waive procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law.

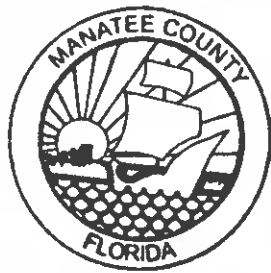
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, as follows:

1. The recitals set forth above are hereby adopted as findings of this Board and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. 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.
3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is 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; and,
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

BE IT 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 the County's Disaster Emergency Management Powers Ordinance, until such time as the State of Local Emergency declared herein expires, is terminated, or seven days from this date, whichever is sooner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of County Commissioners hereby delegates to the Public Safety Director the authority to implement disaster emergency plans, agreements, and supporting documents in accordance with the County's Disaster Emergency Management Powers Ordinance.

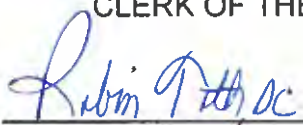
DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting this 24th day of September 2024.



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

By: 
Chairperson

ATTEST: ANGELINA COLONNESO
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COMPTROLLER

By: 
Deputy Clerk