

EMERGENCY ORDER 2024-07
EVACUATION ORDER
HURRICANE HELENE

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene has formed is expected to reach major hurricane strength prior to landfall and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis has issued Executive Orders number 24-208 and 209 authorizing all political subdivisions in the State of Florida to waive certain procedures and formalities required of political subdivisions and finding that a State of Emergency exists in certain counties in the State of Florida; and,

WHEREAS, The Board of County Commissioners has issued Emergency Order 2024-06 finding that a State of General Emergency exists in Alachua County; and

WHEREAS, based upon information received from the National Weather Service many areas of Alachua County will be subject to tropical storm force winds and significant amounts of rain; and,

WHEREAS, based upon history and experience there are a number of areas in Alachua County where due to topography or proximity to bodies of water flooding has occurred in heavy rains; and,

WHEREAS, flooding can lag behind the end of a wind event for a period of time; and,

WHEREAS, tropical storm force winds may cause damage to mobile homes and other housing which may not withstand sustained tropical storm force winds; and,

WHEREAS, Hurricane Helene meets the definition of weather event in Sec. 252.38 (4), Florida Statutes and its impact on the authority of political subdivisions on enacting emergency orders in response to a weather event; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 27 of the Alachua County Code and Sect. 252.38, Florida Statutes authorizes the Board of County Commissioners to take certain actions to protect the health and safety of the county population; and


WHEREAS, gathering the Board of County Commissioners for an Special Emergency Meeting is not practicable authorizing the Chair of the Board to take action as the Official Authority.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Alachua County Code Section §27-07, the Chair of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners makes the following findings and resolves as follows:


1. The above recitals are true.
2. Evacuation is ordered for those residing in mobile homes, manufactured homes, recreational vehicles, and homes which may not survive the storm along with those living in areas subject to flooding or those in proximity to bodies of water.
- 3 This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until lifted.

Issued this 25 day of September 2024, at 3:29 p.m.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ALACHUA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Mary C. Alford, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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County Attorney's Office