

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF GENERAL EMERGENCY
CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County has been informed by its emergency management staff of an imminent threat posed by **HURRICANE IAN**; and

WHEREAS, this event has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Citrus County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Citrus County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, after due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Citrus County Code Section 30-35, in the event a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be convened, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a state of general emergency; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Citrus County Code Section 30-35, I hereby resolve, find, and declare:

1. The above recitals are true.
2. I am the duly selected Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners of Citrus County, Florida.
3. After due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting.
4. Pursuant to Citrus County Code Section 30-35, in the event a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be convened, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners may declare a state of general emergency.
5. A state of general emergency hereby exists in Citrus County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 11:00 a.m. this 26th day of September, 2022.

6. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Citrus County pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure 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.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

7. The County Administrator, or his designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within the County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Citrus County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

8. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of general emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of

County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of general emergency has ended.

ATTEST: ANGELA VICK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

By: Angela Vick



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Ronald E. Kitchen, Jr.
RONALD E. KITCHEN, JR.
CHAIRMAN

APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE
RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

Denise A. Dymond Lyn
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COUNTY ATTORNEY