

**PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA,
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
EFFECTIVE THURSDAY, JULY 30, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has been informed by its emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Tropical Storm Isaias; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaias has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Palm Beach County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Palm Beach County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, there are exigent circumstances surrounding Tropical Storm Isaias such that a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners may not practically be convened or allow for the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Code Chapter 9, Article II, Section 9-35 and Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provide that in such event, the Mayor may declare a state of local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. I am the Mayor of Palm Beach County, Florida.
3. The exigent circumstances surrounding Tropical Storm Isaias do not allow for a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to practically be

convened or allow for the Mayor or Vice-Mayor to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency.

4. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, in such event, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.

5. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Palm Beach County, Florida, effective **for seven (7) days beginning at 1:00 p.m., this 30th day of July, 2020.**

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

- a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Palm Beach County.
- 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 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 and Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 to provide for the health and safety of persons and property 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 Palm Beach County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Palm Beach 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, Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35 and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

8. This State of Emergency shall extend for a period of 7 days and may be extended as necessary in 7 day increments pursuant to Section 252.38(3)(a)(5) as determined by the County Administrator or designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the State of Emergency has ended.

9. This Declaration shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption and a copy shall be filed with the Clerk of Court.

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY**

By: 
Dave Kerner, Mayor

By: 
County Attorney

July 30th, 2020
Date

ATTEST
CLERK AND COMPTROLLER


By: _____
Deputy Clerk

7/30 2020
Date