

**LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
SUMTER COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS**, a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare has been created by the threat of Tropical Storm Idalia and;

**WHEREAS**, portions of the population in Sumter County may suffer financial and personal losses, and;

**WHEREAS**, Florida State Statutes, Chapter 252 authorizes the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to Declare that a Local State of Emergency Exists, and;

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED,**

1. That the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated and Sumter County Emergency Management shall have the power, authority, and duty to take any and all actions under the Plan necessary for the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the people and property of Sumter County.
2. All Sumter County assets are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of Emergency Management, including public schools to ensure the proper reception, sheltering, and care of evacuees.
3. Any county regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of County business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with the emergency, are hereby suspended.
4. The Emergency Management Director shall function as the County Coordinating Officer, and in consultation with the Executive Policy Group, shall provide overall coordination for County response. County agencies shall coordinate through and with the Coordinating Officer regarding any assistance to be provided.
5. This Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven days unless extended or dissolved.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Craig A. Estep, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

Date: August 28, 2023

Attest \_\_\_\_\_

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