

## **RESOLUTION NO. 22-035**

**WHEREAS**, the Gadsden County Board of Commissioners have met and determined the substantial likelihood of an emergency condition being caused by Tropical Storm Nicole, and that there is a likelihood of potential injury to the population, and potential damage to property; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a continuing risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and isolated tornadic activity for Florida's Peninsula and portions of the Florida Big Bend; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by Tropical Storm Nicole requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Gadsden County; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that Gadsden County, Florida is hereby declared to be in a State of Emergency. Due to the rapid escalation of this situation, and the requirement for rapid action, action has been taken by the Board of County Commissioners to adopt this Resolution without notice being published in local newspapers or being made to the public pursuant to Florida Statutes. Further, the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision as provided by Florida Statutes 252.38(3)(a); and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that while the State of Emergency continues to exist, the County shall have the power and authority to carry on those activities set forth in Florida Statutes 252.38, including but not limited to: appropriate and expend funds; make contracts; obtain and distribute equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes; provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including emergency assistance to the victim of any emergency; and direct and coordinate the development of the emergency management plans and protocols in accordance with the plans and policies set forth by the Federal and State Emergency Management agencies; and

To appoint, employ, remove, or provide, with or without compensation, coordinators, rescue teams, fire and police personnel, and other emergency management workers; and

To establish, as necessary, a primary and one or more secondary emergency operating centers to provide continuity of government and direction and control of emergency operations; and

To assign and make available for duty the offices and agencies of Gadsden County, including the employees, the property or equipment thereof relating to firefighting, engineering, rescue, health, medical and related services for emergency operation services, as the primary emergency management forces of the political subdivision for employment within or outside the political limits of the subdivision; and

To request State assistance or invoke emergency-related mutual-aid assistance by declaring a local State of Emergency in the event of an emergency affecting only one political subdivision. Pursuant to Florida Statutes, the duration of this State of Emergency declared locally is limited to seven (7) days; it may be extended as necessary, in seven-day increments.

To take any additional steps necessary to protect to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Gadsden County.

By Special Order of the Gadsden County Board of County Commissioners on this **9th** day of **November** 2022.

ATTEST:



By: *Nicholas Thomas*  
Nicholas Thomas  
Clerk of the Circuit Court

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
GADSDEN COUNTY, FLORIDA:

By: *Ronterious Green*  
Ronterious Green  
Chairman