

**EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2008-2**

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED BY PART I, CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 94-25.**

WHEREAS, Part 1, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25 authorizes St. Johns County to declare a state of local emergency by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, August 18, 2008 Governor Charlie Crist issued a state of emergency for all of Florida based upon the potential of Tropical Storm/Hurricane Fay to create excessive rainfall, high tides and tropical storm force winds, which may pose a serious threat to public health and safety and cause flooding, beach erosion, and property damage; and

WHEREAS, persons in St. Johns County need to prepare for possible hurricane or near hurricane conditions; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is exerting efforts to address the emergency conditions and assist affected citizens; and

WHEREAS, the emergency may become beyond the capability of St. Johns County to effectively respond under normal procedures; and

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized equipment and personnel may be required to assist in evacuation and take protective action with regard to life and property; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County may request assistance from the State and/or may implement its interlocal agreements with other local governments pertaining to emergencies; and

WHEREAS, when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County or its officers are unable to timely meet to take necessary action, the County Administrator may take action as authorized by St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25.

NOW THEREFORE, I MICHAEL D. WANCHICK, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Part I, St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25, and all other applicable laws, do hereby determine, promulgate and declare the following proclamation, effective immediately:

**PROCLAMATION**

Section I. It is hereby determined and declared that:

A. A state of local emergency exists and has occurred within and is affecting St. Johns County due to the effects of actual and/or anticipated heavy winds and rainfall and actual or anticipated damage associated with Tropical Storm/Hurricane Fay.

B. The occurrence or threat of disaster associated with such emergency is imminent and required immediate and expeditious action.


C. A quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County or its officers are unable to timely meet to address the emergency.

Section II. The County Administrator and his designees are hereby authorized to take the appropriate emergency measures authorized by St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25.

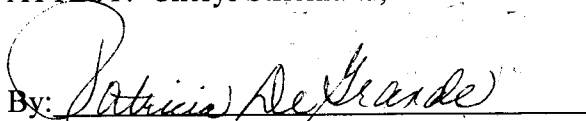
Section III. The St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the Plan) is hereby activated and the St. Johns County Administrator shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the Plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people of St. Johns County.

Section IV. The County Administrator is hereby authorized to transfer funds from the Solid Waste Reserve to the Solid Waste budget for use in debris removal and debris management activities related to disaster recovery.

Determined, Declared and Proclaimed this 20~~th~~ day of August, 2008.

By:   
Michael D. Wanchick, County  
Administrator of St. Johns  
County, Florida

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By:   
Deputy Clerk