

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2014- 3

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, as amended, authorizes St. Johns County to declare a state of local emergency by proclamation; and

WHEREAS, areas of St. Johns County have recently been experiencing a “coastal storm,” as referenced in Rule 62B-33.0051(5), Florida Administrative Code, which is causing and has caused erosion of the Atlantic Ocean beach and dune system in St. Johns County, Florida, on or about December 8, 2014; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such “coastal storm,” one or more structures or facilities located along the Atlantic Beach Coastline in St. Johns County, have become vulnerable to damage or collapse from ongoing ocean wave action or from a subsequent frequent “coastal storm;” and

WHEREAS, County staff, including a duly qualified Professional Engineer, licensed in the State of Florida, have inspected the affected area, and have consulted with other agencies, including, but not limited to, the State of Florida, Department of Environmental Protection; and found that a coastal storm erosion emergency exist in St. Johns County as referenced in said Rule 62B-33.0051(5), Florida Administrative Code; and

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

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

WHEREAS, certain additional specialized equipment and personnel may be required to perform emergency measures 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 Chair or Vice-Chair may take action as authorized by St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JEB S. SMITH, VICE CHAIR, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Part I, St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25, as amended, 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 surf and actual or anticipated coastal erosion.

B. The occurrence or threat of disaster associated with such emergency is imminent and requires 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. Pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance 94-25, as amended, after consultation with state and local authorities that severe beach erosion and/or flooding on or about December 8, 2014, along the Atlantic Ocean Coastline in St. Johns County has caused an immediate threat of substantial property damage including but, not limited to, loss of one or more habitable structures, a local state of emergency is declared by the Board of County Commissioners, by and through its Vice Chair, as provided by Ordinance 94-25, as amended.

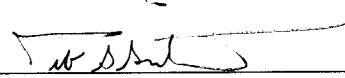
Section III. The St. Johns County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (the Plan) is hereby activated and the St. Johns County Administrator shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the Plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare, safety and property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

Determined, Declared and Proclaimed this 8th day of December, 2014.

**Board of County Commissioners of
St. Johns County, Florida**

ATTEST: Cheryl Strickland, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk

By: 
JEB S. SMITH, Vice Chair