

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2016-01

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, a state of local emergency needs to be declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25, as previously amended, because of the severe threat and the potential of Tropical Storm (or Hurricane) Hermine 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, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 16-205 declaring a State of Emergency in certain Florida Counties including St. Johns pertaining to Tropical Depression #9 (now Tropical Storm Hermine); and

WHEREAS, the Governor has expanded the geographical scope of the State of Emergency through Executive Order No. 16-206; and

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

WHEREAS, St. Johns County is exerting efforts to address 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, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the authority vested in the County Administrator pursuant to Section 8 of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25, as previously amended, it is hereby ordered that: (1) a state of local emergency exists and

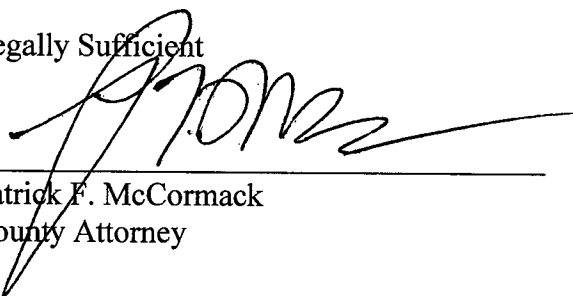
has occurred within and is affecting St. Johns County due to the effects of actual and/or anticipated heavy winds and rainfall and actual or anticipated damage associated with Tropical Storm Hermine (or Hurricane), (2) the occurrence or threat of disaster associated with such emergency is imminent and requires immediate and expeditious action, and (3) a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County or its officers are unable to timely meet to address the emergency, (4) the County Administrator and his designees are hereby authorized to take the appropriate emergency measures authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, St. Johns County Ordinance No. 94-25, (5) 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, and (6) 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.

DONE and ORDERED this ~~12~~ day of September, 2016.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Legally Sufficient


Patrick F. McCormack
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