

**ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2017-3**

**A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY AS PROVIDED IN CHAPTER 252, PART I, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND BY ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE 1994-25, AS AMENDED.**

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Part I, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance 1994-25, as amended, authorize St. Johns County to declare a state of local emergency by proclamation; and

**WHEREAS**, St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2017-2 declared a state of local emergency due to weather conditions including lack of substantial rainfall, high temperatures, worsening drought, and systems with significant wind, which have considerably enhanced the potential for and spread of wildfires within St. Johns County; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of said conditions, numerous brush and forest wildfires have been ignited or may be ignited throughout the County; and

**WHEREAS**, because of said conditions, wildfires once ignited, are extremely difficult to control and contain, and therefore the personnel and resources of the County and State battling the same are exposed to high risk, and the spread of said wildfires promotes an ever-increasing threat to the safety of the lives and property of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the abatement of said conditions throughout the County is not anticipated in the foreseeable future, and therefore the threat of brush and forest wildfires is expected to continue throughout portions of the Summer; and

**WHEREAS**, said conditions demand that further precautions be taken to protect the citizens, visitors, and property of the County and to ensure that the health, safety, and welfare of the community is preserved; and

**WHEREAS**, the potential fires may become beyond the capability of the County to effectively respond and control without emergency procedures and assistance; 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**, wildfires in other parts of the State of Florida have or may deplete regional fire fighting resources that might otherwise be available to assist the County; and

**WHEREAS**, the County may request assistance from the State.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the County pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 1994-25, as amended, it is hereby declared that:

1. The state of local emergency declared through St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2017-2 is hereby extended for 7 days from the effective date and time of this Proclamation.

2. All emergency powers authorized by St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation No. 2017-2 are hereby retained, ratified, and continued in time for the duration of this Proclamation.

3. This Proclamation shall be effective as of May 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, State of Florida, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.


BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
James K. Johns, Chair

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Deputy Clerk

