

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2019-1

A PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN CERTAIN COASTAL AREAS.

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 March 19, 2019; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such “coastal storm,” one or more structures or facilities located within St. Johns County in the vicinity of 509-511 Porpoise Point Drive and the current location of the eastern end of the Porpoise Point Drive roadway surface, including public roadway, drainage facilities, and other public infrastructure, 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 area in question, 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, time being critical for the opportunity to address the emergency, an expedited declaration is reasonably necessary.

NOW THEREFORE, 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 on or about March 19, 2019, in the vicinity of 509-511 Porpoise Point Drive and the current location of the eastern end of the Porpoise Point Drive roadway surface, has caused an immediate threat of substantial property damage including but, not limited to, the loss of public roadway, drainage facilities, and other public infrastructure, a local state of emergency is declared by the Board of County Commissioners, by and through its County Administrator, or designee, as provided by Ordinance 94-25, as amended.

THIS PROCLAMATION authorizes County staff, in the vicinity described above as reasonably determined by the Public Works Department Director, using recognized professional standards, to proceed to protect the affected public infrastructure in compliance with Rule 62B-33.0051, et. seq., Florida Administrative Code, and Section 161.085, Florida Statutes, and conditions of permit for emergency protection issued by the Department of Public Works. Emergency measures shall be in compliance with all Rules and permitting requirements as defined by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection’s Bureau of Beaches and Coastal Systems permitting.

HEREBY PROCLAIMED this 19th day of March, 2019.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Paul M. Waldron
Paul M. Waldron, Chair

ATTEST: Hunter S. Conrad, Clerk

By: Galen S. Platt
Deputy Clerk

