## EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION NO. 2020-10

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, has caused, and willing continue to cause erosion of the Atlantic Ocean beach and dune system in St. Johns County, Florida, on or about April 20-23, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such coastal storm, one or more structures or facilities located within St. Johns County in the vicinity of 407-431 Porpoise Point Drive, St. Augustine, Florida, 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 2019-40, after consultation with state and local authorities that severe beach erosion on or about April 20, 2020, in the vicinity of 407-431 Porpoise Point Drive, has caused an immediate threat of substantial property damage including but, not limited to, the loss of one or more habitable structures, a localized emergency event is declared by the Board of County Commissioners, by and through its County Administrator, or designee, as provided by Ordinance 2019-40.

THIS PROCLAMATION authorizes the affected property owner(s) of eligible structures, in the vicinity described above as reasonably determined by the Public Works Department Director and County Engineer, using recognized professional standards, to proceed to protect the affected properties 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 and/or the Division of Building Services. 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 <u>21<sup>57</sup></u> day of April, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk

Deputy Clerk