

EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION 2020-26

**A STATE OF EMERGENCY ORDER AS PROVIDED BY PART I,
CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY ST. JOHNS
COUNTY, FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2019-40**

WHEREAS, a state of local emergency needs to be declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, as previously amended, because of the severe threat and the potential of Hurricane Isaias to create excessive rainfall, high tides, tropical storm and or hurricane 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. 20-181 declaring a State of Emergency in all Florida Counties pertaining to Hurricane Isaias; 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, pursuant to St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-1, and its subsequent extensions, St. Johns County is under a local state of emergency declared in response to the public health emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by Hurricane Isaias requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of the citizens of St. Johns County.


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 5 of St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2019-40, as previously amended, it is hereby declared 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 Hurricane Isaias, (2) the occurrence or threat of disaster associated with such emergency is imminent and required immediate and expeditious action, (3) 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. 2019-40, (4) 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 (5) 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.


The state of local emergency issued under this Emergency Proclamation, or any extension thereof, may be combined with the public health emergency declared under St. Johns County Emergency Proclamation 2020-01 (and its subsequent extensions) as a result of COVID-19 into a single state of local emergency.

DONE and ORDERED this 1 day of August, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Jeb S. Smith, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon Patty, Clerk

By: 
Deputy Clerk