

EMERGENCY DECLARATION NO. 2021- 1

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

WHEREAS, on or about November 5-9, 2021, areas of St. Johns County experienced a “coastal storm,” as referenced in Rule 62B-33.0051(5), Florida Administrative Code, which is causing, has caused, and will likely continue to cause erosion of the Atlantic Ocean beach and dune system in St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a result of such coastal storm, one or more structures or facilities located within St. Johns County in the vicinity of Range Monuments SJ R-1 to SJ R-122 in St. Johns County, 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 the Director of Disaster Recovery, 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 exists in St. Johns County as referenced in 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; and

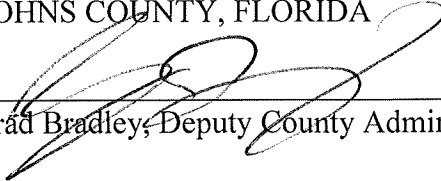
WHEREAS, at its regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County heard testimony establishing the coastal storm erosion emergency and unanimously authorized the County Administrator to declare a localized emergency event.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority conferred by Chapters 161 and 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance 2021-4, after consultation with state and local authorities regarding severe beach erosion on or about November 5-9, 2021, in the vicinity of Range Monuments SJ R-1 to SJ R-122, that 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 2021-4, Section 161.085, Florida Statutes, and Rule 62B-33.0051, Florida Administrative Code.

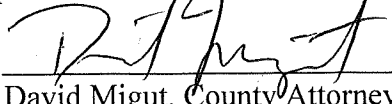
THIS DECLARATION authorizes the affected property owner(s) of eligible structures, in the vicinity described above as reasonably determined by the Director of Disaster Recovery, using recognized professional standards, to proceed to protect the affected properties in compliance with Rule 62B-33.0051, et. seq., Florida Administrative Code, and Section 161.085, Florida Statutes, and all conditions of permits 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 DECLARED this 19 day of November, 2021.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Brad Bradley, Deputy County Administrator

Approved as to form:

By: 
David Migut, County Attorney

