## ST. JOHNS COUNTY EMERGENCY ORDER NO. 2024-8

## AN EMERGENCY ORDER INSTATING A MANDATORY EVACUATION OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY

WHEREAS, the Governor of the state of Florida has issued Executive Order No. 24-214 and Executive Order No. 24-215 declaring a State of Emergency in certain Florida Counties, including St. Johns County, pertaining to Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, a state of local emergency has been declared by St. Johns County Emergency Order 2024-6, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, because of the severe threat that Hurricane Milton poses to St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, because of the potential for Hurricane Milton to cause excessive rainfall, flooding, high tides, and strong winds that may create a serious threat to life and critical infrastructure, timely precautions must be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of St. Johns County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners understands that segments of the local population, especially our vulnerable population, such as, but not limited to, those in ambulatory surgery centers, assisted living facilities, hospitals, licensed facilities, or nursing home facilities, require more time to and logistics to implement a successful evacuation; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners, through its authorized County designee, mandates that certain portions and elements of St. Johns County be evacuated by all persons.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in accordance with the emergency power vested in the St. Johns County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and St. Johns County Ordinance No. 2021-4, it is hereby ordered that:

- I. Effective at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, all persons living
  - i. Licensed facilities, as defined by Florida Statutes 395.002(17)
  - ii. Assisted living facilities, as defined by Florida Statute 429.02(5),
  - iii. Nursing home facilities, as defined by Florida Statute 400.021(12)
  - iv. Ambulatory Surgery Centers, as defined by Florida Statute 395.002(3) in the following portions and elements of St. Johns County, Florida shall evacuate:
  - a. All of Evacuation Zone A;
  - b. All of Evacuation Zone B;
  - c. Parts of Evacuation Zone F, South of State Road 206;

- II. Effective at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, all persons living in the following portions and elements of St. Johns County, Florida shall evacuate:
  - a. All of Evacuation Zone A;
  - b. All of Evacuation Zone B;
  - c. Parts of Evacuation Zone F, South of State Road 206;
  - d. All persons living in or on a boat, mobile home, recreational vehicle, camper or other similar conveyance.

This Order shall stay in effect until rescinded. Any person (with the exception of authorized emergency services personnel) who fails to comply with this Order is guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, and subject to punishment in accordance with applicable Florida law.

**DONE and ORDERED** this day of October 2024.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By:

Sarah S. Arnold, Chair

ATTEST: Brandon J. Patty,

County Clerk & Comptroller

Deputy Clerk

