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August 2, 2024  
Regarding: Invest 97L

**WHEREAS**, the Holmes County Board of Commissioners recognizes the increasing significant flood and potential wind threat to the Florida Panhandle over the next several days as a result of 97L; and,

**WHEREAS**, the potential threats of 97L could produce significant, imminent, and dangerous impacts to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and property of Holmes County;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, does hereby proclaim;

1. That a local state of emergency exists in Holmes County, Florida due to the potential impacts of 97L.
2. That the Board of County Commissioners of Holmes County, Florida, hereby enlists the aid of the Honorable Governor of the State of Florida, the State Cabinet, and our Federal Representatives in Washington, D. C. for assistance in its time of need.
3. That pursuant to Section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes (2015), during this state of Emergency, the Holmes County Board of Commissioners hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to:
  - a. Performance by Public Works to take necessary prudent action to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
  - b. Entering into contracts;
  - c. Incurring obligations;
  - d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
  - e. Utilization of volunteer workers;
  - f. Rental of equipment;



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- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, material, and facilities; and
  - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds, to the extent necessary, to carry out County functions to protect lives and property.
4. That this local State of Emergency shall begin at 1:00 PM on August 2, 2024 and shall remain in effect through 1:00 PM on August 9, 2024 (*seven days*) unless extended prior to that time by the Board Chairman, or in his absence, the successor as identified in the Holmes County Comprehensive Emergency Plan, for an additional seven days.

**DECLARED BY A CONCENCENCES OF THE BOARD** on August 2, 2024.

**HOLMES COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

David Corbin, County Manager; Holmes County Board of County Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

Sam Bailey, Holmes County Clerk of Court