

RESOLUTION 2024 - 05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO LOCAL SEVERE WEATHER; ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 24-03, ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR OF FLORIDA; PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 252, FLORIDA STATUTES AND PUTNAM COUNTY ORDINANCES, ARTICLE II, SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 16-19 THROUGH 16-26; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the State of Florida and Putnam County are experiencing an imminent threat of personal injury and property damage due to significant severe weather; and

WHEREAS, this severe weather poses a potentially serious and imminent threat to the Putnam County area, based upon the potential to create excessive life and property threatening wind impacts which may pose a serious threat to public health and safety, and cause personal and property damage within Putnam County; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 24-03, declaring a State of Emergency throughout the State of Florida, including Putnam County due to the imminent threat of injury and damage from severe weather impacts and tornadoes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Putnam County Ordinances, Article II - States of Emergency, specifically sections 16-19 through 16-26, the declaration of an emergency in Putnam County, Florida may be issued by the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Putnam County must take timely emergency measures, because of the heightened potential for injury or damage to life and property within the County, and the length of time required to secure residents from the hazards of a high wind impact event; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Director of Public Safety or their Designee, shall function as the County Coordinating Officer. All Government agencies shall coordinate with the County Emergency Operations Center for all requests for assistance through the appropriate Emergency Support Function; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to be in a position to maximize all resources that may be available; and

WHEREAS, all Putnam County Assets and Personnel are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of the County Coordinating Officer; and

WHEREAS, any County regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of County business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with emergency are hereby suspended. Suspension of such procedures shall be at the direction of the County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or their designee; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to insure, that all possible efforts are being made to protect human life and property. The Emergency Management Ordinance 96-14 and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan are hereby activated and Putnam County Emergency Management/County Coordinating Officer shall have the authority to take all actions necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property of Putnam County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. Declaration of a Local State of Emergency:

The imminent approach of severe weather, combined with anticipated impact poses a serious threat to health, safety and welfare of the people and property of Putnam County, Florida and a State of Emergency is declared locally for Putnam County, Florida, on this 9th day of January 2024, and that the County Coordinating Officer or Designee is authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to secure resources to protect human life and property and to utilize all

lawful authority granted to the County under State and County laws as necessary to accomplish same.

Section 2. Direction to Clerk:

The Clerk shall record this Resolution in the Public Records of Putnam County, Florida and shall transmit a certified copy to the Putnam County Property Appraiser.

Section 3. Effective Date:

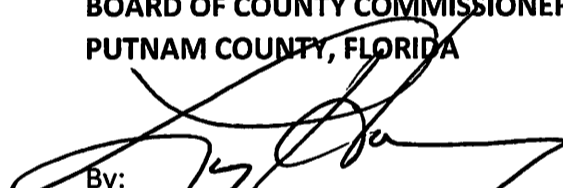
This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption and shall remain in effect for seven (7) days unless extended pursuant to Section 4 of this Resolution or rescinded by the Board of County Commissioners.

Section 4. Authorization to Extend:


The Board of County Commissioners recognize the circumstances and conditions which necessitate the foregoing Resolution may extend beyond seven (7) days, and therefore, the Board of County Commissioners hereby authorize Chairman to extend the local State of Emergency in his sole discretion. Any subsequent extension shall be reported to the Board of County Commissioners at the following regularly scheduled Board of County Commission meeting.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED with a quorum present and voting, by the Board of County Commissioners of Putnam County, Florida in emergency session, this 9th day of January 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Larry Harvey, Chairman

ATTEST:


Mazie Holder, Administrative Support Manager