

RESOLUTION 2024 -071

INVEST 97L – LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO INVEST 97L; ADOPTING EXECUTIVE ORDER 24-156, 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 Invest 97L, which is forecast to become a significant rain and flood event as well as a tropical storm approaching the Putnam County area; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 24-156, declaring a State of Emergency throughout the State of Florida, including Putnam County due to the imminent threat of injury and damage from Invest 97L; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Section 16, Putnam County Code of Ordinances, the declaration of an emergency in Putnam County, Florida is hereby issued by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Emergency Operations and Preparedness 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 protect all individuals in the county and maximize all available resources; 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 the emergency are hereby suspended. Suspension of such procedures shall be at the direction of the County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his/her designee; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to ensure 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 above recitals are true and correct and hereby incorporated as a material part of this resolution as if fully stated herein.

The imminent approach of Invest 97L, combined with anticipated heavy rainfall poses a serious threat to health, safety and welfare of the people and property of Putnam County, Florida and that a State of Local Emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately, for the incorporated and unincorporated areas of Putnam County.

The County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his or her Designees are 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 Harvey 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 2nd day of August 2024.

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

By: _____

Larry Harvey,
Chairman

ATTEST:



Matt Reynolds,
Clerk of Court

