

**RESOLUTION
Number 2024-44**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIR AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS ISSUED BY THE CHAIR IN RESPONSE TO HURRICANE DEBBY; AUTHORIZING CONTINUED COUNTY RESPONSE; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; PROVIDING FOR FILING WITH THE CLERK AND POSTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH FLORIDA STATUTES.

WHEREAS, on Thursday, August 1, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-156 (the "Governor's Order") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 97L, which became Tropical Depression Four, Tropical Storm Debby and Hurricane Debby (the "Storm");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, on Friday, August 2, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-44 declaring a Local State of Emergency in Levy County due to the Storm and authorizing the County Coordinator and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action (the "Emergency Declaration");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the County Code, in the absence of the County Coordinator, on Friday, August 2, 2024, the Chair issued an Administrative Order announcing voluntary evacuation and ordering the opening of public shelters; and on Saturday, August 3, 2024, the Chair issued Administrative Order #2 ordering mandatory evacuation and the opening of public shelters, all as necessary for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery (the "Administrative Orders"); and

WHEREAS, on Monday, August 5, 2024, the Chair, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director, issued a Termination of Administrative Orders, thereby rescinding the evacuation order and closing the public shelters (the "Termination of Administrative Orders.")


NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Emergency Declaration, Administrative Orders and Termination of Administrative Orders that were previously issued (attached to this Resolution) are hereby ratified, and that continued County response to the Storm is authorized until such time as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency has expired or is terminated by appropriate action of the Board, Chair, Vice Chair and/or County Coordinator.

Section 2. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Resolution shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board within 3 days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's Emergency Management website <https://levydisaster.com>.

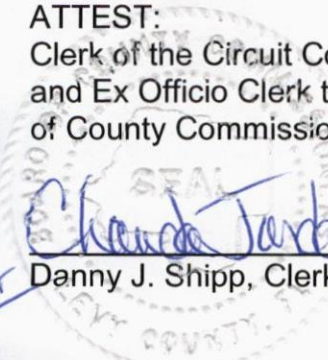
DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of August, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**




Desiree Mills, Chair

ATTEST:
Clerk of the Circuit Court
and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board
of County Commissioners


Chanda Jordan, Deputy Clerk
For Danny J. Shipp, Clerk

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency



Nicolle M. Shalley, County Attorney

**EMERGENCY DECLARATION NUMBER 2024-44
ISSUED BY PROCLAMATION OF THE CHAIR
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
INVEST 97L (2024)**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-156 (the "Governor's Order") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 97L (the "Storm");

WHEREAS, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners of Levy County (the "Chair") has been informed by County Emergency Management staff that the Storm has the potential to threaten or impact Levy County with hazardous conditions including, but not limited to, severe flooding, storm surge, heavy rainfall, strong winds, and isolated tornadic activity;

WHEREAS, the hazardous conditions from the Storm have the potential to: cause widespread damage across Levy County to government and private property, impact the roadways, disrupt utilities, and cause economic losses; therefore, this weather event poses a significant, imminent and dangerous threat to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of and visitors to Levy County, Florida and to their real and personal property;

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, authorizes a Local State of Emergency to be declared by proclamation of the Chair when a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") is unable to meet; and

WHEREAS, due to the forecast timing of the arrival of the Storm, the Board is unable to meet in advance; and

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS AND DECLARES:

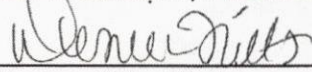
1. That a state of emergency exists in Levy County, Florida, effective for 7 days commencing at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, August 2, 2024.
2. The County Coordinator and his designee(s) are empowered, authorized and directed to exercise all emergency powers and take all actions expressly or implicitly conferred on the County by: Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes; all emergency orders issued by the Governor; the County Code of Ordinances; the Levy County Comprehensive Emergency

Management Plan and any Ordinance, Resolution, Order or Declaration adopted by the Board or issued by the Chair or other authorized official of the County.

3. As authorized by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, all procedures and formalities otherwise required of the County pertaining to the following are hereby waived:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary 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.
 - g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
4. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Emergency Declaration shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board within 3 days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's Emergency Management website <https://levydisaster.com>.

ISSUED on August 2, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Desiree Mills, Chair

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER - ANNOUNCING VOLUNTARY EVACUATION AND
ORDERING THE OPENING OF PUBLIC SHELTERS
INVEST 97L (2024)**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-156 (the "Governor's Order") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 97L (the "Storm");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, on August 2, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-44 declaring a Local State of Emergency in Levy County due to the Storm and authorizing the County Coordinator and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the County Code, in the absence of the County Coordinator, the Chair issues this Administrative Order as necessary for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chair hereby:

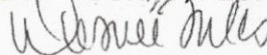
1. **Announces Voluntary evacuation**, to commence immediately and be completed by 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024, of persons residing in:
 - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, and to the maximum extent possible, the recreational vehicles shall be removed from the County;
 - mobile homes and manufactured homes throughout the County;
 - coastal communities in the County; and
 - low lying areas throughout the County.

2. **Orders the opening of the following public shelters** commencing at 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024:
 - Special Needs Shelter: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Avenue, Bronson, FL
 - General Population Shelter: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL

Any person violating an emergency order of the County is subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 30-37 of the County Code and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

Issued on August 2, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Desiree Mills, Chair

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**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER #2 - ORDERING MANDATORY EVACUATION
AND THE OPENING OF PUBLIC SHELTERS
INVEST 97L, NOW TROPICAL DEPRESSION FOUR (2024)**

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 24-156 (the "Governor's Order") declaring a state of emergency for several Florida counties, including Levy County, related to the anticipated effects of Invest 97L, now Tropical Depression Four (the "Storm");

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the Code of Ordinances of Levy County, Florida, on August 2, 2024, the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners (the "Chair") issued Emergency Declaration Number 2024-44 declaring a Local State of Emergency in Levy County due to the Storm and authorizing the County Coordinator and designee(s) to take all necessary emergency action;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the County Code, in the absence of the County Coordinator, on August 2, 2024, the Chair issued an Administrative Order announcing voluntary evacuation and ordering the opening of public shelters as necessary for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery; and

WHEREAS, due to revisions to the Storm forecast, in particular storm surge and mean sea level, the Chair, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director, finds it necessary to order mandatory evacuation in certain circumstances/areas and issues this Administrative Order for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery.

NOW THEREFORE, the Chair orders:

1. **Mandatory evacuation**, to commence immediately and be completed by 8 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024, of persons residing in:
 - recreational vehicle parks throughout the County, and to the maximum extent possible, the recreational vehicles shall be removed from the County;
 - mobile homes and manufactured homes throughout the County;
 - coastal communities in the County; and
 - low lying areas throughout the County.

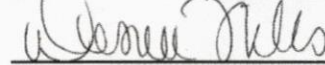
2. **Opening of the following public shelters** commencing at 12 p.m. on Saturday, August 3, 2024:
 - Special Needs Shelter: Bronson Elementary School, 400 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL
 - General Population Shelter: Bronson Middle High School (Pet friendly), 351 Ishie Ave, Bronson, FL

Any person violating an emergency order of the County is subject to the penalties contained in Sec. 30-37 of the County Code and Section 252.50, Florida Statutes.

Upon issuance, this Administrative Order #2 supersedes the Administrative Order issued on August 2, 2024.

This Administrative Order #2 is issued on August 3, 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Desiree Mills, Chair

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**TERMINATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE ORDERS
ISSUED BY THE CHAIR
HURRICANE DEBBY (2024)**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority granted in Chapter 30 of the County Code, in the absence of the County Coordinator, on Friday, August 2, 2024, the Chair issued an Administrative Order announcing voluntary evacuation and ordering the opening of public shelters; and on Saturday, August 3, 2024, the Chair issued Administrative Order #2 ordering mandatory evacuation and the opening of public shelters, all as necessary for the preservation of life, property and/or for emergency mitigation, response, and/or recovery (collectively, the "Administrative Orders"); and

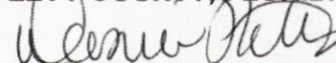
WHEREAS, the Chair, in consultation with the County Emergency Management Director, has determined it appropriate to issue this Termination of Administrative Orders.

NOW THEREFORE, THE CHAIR HEREBY RESOLVES, FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

1. The Administrative Orders are hereby terminated, the evacuation orders therein are rescinded and County staff is directed to proceed with closing the public shelters.
2. Continued County response to the Storm is authorized until such time as the Declaration of Local State of Emergency has expired or is terminated by appropriate action of the Board, Chair, Vice Chair and/or County Coordinator.
3. In accordance with Section 252.46, Florida Statutes, this Termination shall be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Ex Officio Clerk to the Board within 3 days after its issuance, and shall be posted on the County's designated website <https://levydisaster.com>.

ISSUED on August 5 , 2024.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



Desiree Mills, Chair

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