

A DECLARATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE,
FLORIDA, EXTENDING A STATE OF EMERGENCY (HURRICANE MILTON)


WHEREAS, the City Manager has made the following determinations:

1. Chapter 98, City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, authorizes the City Manager to exercise certain emergency powers and authority during a local emergency including extending a state of emergency declaration.
2. On October 9, 2024, effective at 5:00 a.m., I issued a declaration of a state of emergency for the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida due to the imminent approach of Hurricane Milton and its threat to life and property within the City ("Declaration").
3. The City Council approved and ratified the Declaration via Resolution 24-R80.
4. Per Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes and Section 98.02 of the City's Code of Ordinances, the Declaration's duration is limited to seven (7) days unless earlier terminated or extended in seven (7) day increments, as necessary.
5. The Declaration provided for extensions with the concurrence of City Council.
6. Hurricane Milton hit the City of Port St. Lucie with tropical force winds, confirmed tornadoes within the City of Port St. Lucie, and wind gusts at Category 1 Hurricane strength.
7. The effects from Hurricane Milton on the City of Port St Lucie and surrounding communities necessitates the extension of the State of Emergency to facilitate ongoing assessment of damages and assisting other jurisdictions in their response efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Section 252.38 of the Florida Statutes and Chapter 98 of the City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, the City Manager hereby declares as follows:

- A. The state of emergency set forth in the Declaration is hereby extended for seven (7) days for the limited purpose of facilitating recovery efforts within the City and providing assistance and/or mutual aid to neighboring jurisdictions in their continued response operations.
- B. Such extension of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect for seven (7) days unless further extended for seven (7) days or sooner rescinded by the City Council or the City Manager.
- C. All other restrictions set forth in the Declaration are hereby terminated.

This Declaration shall become effective on the 16th day of October 2024, at 5:00 am.



Jesus Merejo, City Manager
City of Port St. Lucie