

Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

Resolution No. 2022R- 54

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DECLARING A
LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO TROPICAL
STORM/HURRICANE IAN**

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has recognized the danger to residents and visitors of Florida from **TROPICAL STORM/HURRICANE IAN (“IAN”)** by posting a Tropical Storm Warning that incorporates all or parts of Columbia County;

WHEREAS, **IAN** has the potential for causing extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, and commercial and residential buildings and areas;

WHEREAS, Columbia County has high evacuation times in order to evacuate residents from the hazards of a hurricane or tropical storm event;

WHEREAS, sheltering of residents or evacuees from impacted areas may be necessary;
and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides for emergency management powers of political subdivisions like Columbia County while under a Local State of Emergency to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;
7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida in an emergency session duly assembled this 27 day of September, 2022 that **IAN** poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents and visitors to Columbia County and that a Local State of Emergency is hereby immediately declared for all the unincorporated and incorporated territory within the legal boundaries of Columbia County, Florida.

