



**A PROCLAMATION OF THE TOWN OF MELBOURNE BEACH,
FLORIDA, DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton has the potential for causing extensive damage to life and properties within the geographic area of the Town of Melbourne Beach;

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has been monitoring the potential for this system and on October 6, 2024, Milton became a hurricane;

WHEREAS, current National Hurricane Center projected paths bring it within striking distance of the Town of Melbourne Beach on Wednesday, October 9, 2024 and Thursday, October 10, 2024;

WHEREAS, much of Florida has recorded above normal rainfall over the past thirty days and this level of soil saturation will likely lead to a more rapid onset to flash, urban, and riverine flooding through next week;

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-215 amending Executive Order 24-214, and a state of emergency currently exists in Brevard County and 50 other counties because of the threat posed by Hurricane Milton;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Milton is expected to be at or near a catastrophic major hurricane upon landfall and expected to constitute a major disaster;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 24-215 provides that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some state, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to this emergency may require them to suspend or waive certain statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer;

WHEREAS, Executive Order 24-215 further provides that in accordance with section 252.38(3), Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

WHEREAS, the Town of Melbourne Beach has continued to monitor the increased risk to the community and is preparing to execute its Emergency Preparedness Plan and establish an emergency command center, if necessary;

WHEREAS, Section 2.07 of the Town Charter provides the Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Beach "shall be responsible for civil defense and military law";

WHEREAS, per the Town's *Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 16, the Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Beach "shall have the right to declare civil emergency by proclamation";

WHEREAS, after declaration of an emergency, the Mayor may, in the interest of public safety and welfare, issue orders as declared in said Chapter 16 which are imminently necessary to protect life and property;

WHEREAS, per the Town's *Code of Ordinances*, Chapter 16, it is in the interest of public health, safety, and welfare to prohibit or limit the public's use of public facilities including but not limited to, parks, government buildings, rights-of-way, and beaches;

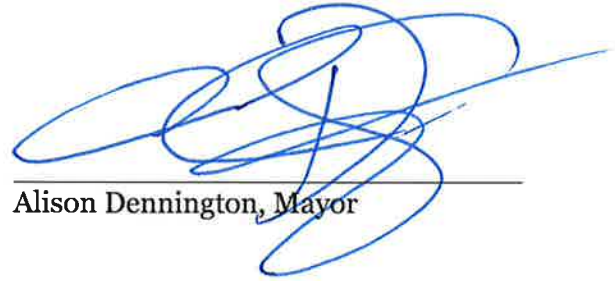
WHEREAS, to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare, and to allow Town Staff and residents to prepare for Hurricane Milton, the special meeting scheduled for October 7, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. is hereby cancelled until further notice;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4(H) of Executive Order 24-215, the Town shall report the closure of any building or facility operated or maintained by a political subdivision to the County so the County may report the closure on a daily basis to the WebEOC system;

WHEREAS, this emergency proclamation shall be effective for up to 7 days;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Alison Dennington, Mayor of the Town of Melbourne Beach, Brevard County, Florida, hereby declare the existence of a civil emergency in the Town of Melbourne Beach, Florida pursuant to Chapter 16 of the Town of Melbourne Beach Code of Ordinances.

Dated this October 7, 2024, at 4:15 p.m.



Alison Dennington, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amber Brown, Town Clerk

