

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-185R**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO THE STORM KNOWN AS HELENE AND FURTHER DELEGATING TO THE CITY MANAGER THE AUTHORITY TO DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR FUTURE NATURAL AND OTHER EVENTS IN SPECIFIED INSTANCES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, Emergency Management provides for Local Emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that significant weather and other conditions, could present a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare and that such conditions could cause significant damage to infrastructure and personal property;

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-209, Emergency Management dated September 25, 2024, Declaring a State of Emergency for specified counties, including Osceola County, related to the storm known as Helene;

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that significant rainfall and wind may occur due to the storm known as Helene and such rainfall and wind may cause substantial damage to and loss of property including infrastructure, homes, businesses and other real and personal property and has the potential to cause substantial harm or injury to the population;

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 252.38, *Florida Statutes*, the City of St. Cloud has the authority to declare a State of Emergency within the municipal boundaries of the City of St. Cloud and invoke any and all emergency provisions, regulations, policies and programs as may be authorized by the State of Florida, State Statutes and County or City ordinances; and

WHEREAS, in an emergency the immediate and efficient implementation and declaration of a State of Emergency is necessary to limit and reduce the negative impact to the City and its population and therefore a delegation of the Council's authority to the City Manager to declare a state of emergency is in the best interest of the citizens and visitors of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida as follows:

**SECTION I**. The City Council of the City of St. Cloud hereby declares a State of Emergency as it relates to the storm known as Helene.

**SECTION II.** The City Council does hereby delegate to the City Manager, the limited authority to declare a State of Emergency in accordance with Section 252.38, *Florida Statutes* within the municipal boundaries subject to the following:

- a. The Governor of the State of Florida and/or the Osceola County Board of County Commissioners has declared a State of Emergency to include all or part of Osceola County; and
- b. The City Council is notified with reasonable dispatch that a State of Emergency has been declared.

**SECTION III.** Any State of Emergency declared hereunder shall take effect upon signature and shall be in effect for seven (7) days unless extended by a majority vote of the City Council or by the City Manager.

**SECTION IV**. The City Manager may terminate any State of Emergency declared hereunder as may be required.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud, Florida, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024.

CITY OF ST. CLOUD

ATTEST: Nathan Bla

Ivy Llauro, City Clerk

Legal in form and valid if adopted.

City Attorney, Daniel F. Mantzaris