## VOLUNTARY ORDER TO REDUCE VULNERABILITY TO DAMAGE, INJURY, AND LOSS OF LIFE OR PROPERTY RESULTING FROM IMMINENT THREAT TO THE CITIZENS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

WHEREAS, a State of General Emergency in Citrus County, Florida, was lawfully declared September 26, 2022, at 11:00 a.m., by the Chairman of the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners due to the imminent threat posed by HURRICANE IAN; and

WHEREAS, the Citrus County Board of County Commissioners has been informed by its emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by such storm; and

WHEREAS, the storm has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Citrus County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Citrus County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, the County Administrator, or his designee, has been empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within Citrus County, Florida, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in the communities of Citrus County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers, express or implied, pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 30, Article II of the Citrus County Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 30, Article II of the Citrus County Code, I hereby find and declare as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated by reference herein.

- I am duly authorized to carry out the powers, duties and functions as delegated by the Board of County Commissioners to the County Administrator or his designee.
- 3. The following areas of Citrus County are threatened by the imminent threat, and are hereby designated the "affected areas":

## **Affected Areas**

All Evacuation Zones especially anyone residing in mobile homes, manufactured homes, and all unsafe structures.

- 4. In order to reduce the vulnerability of the population in the affected areas to damage, injury, and loss of life or property resulting from the imminent threat, I hereby order and direct that the affected areas listed above shall be subject to **voluntary evacuation**.
- 5. As emergency management functions have been delegated to the Sheriff of Citrus County, Florida, by the Board of County Commissioners, the Sheriff of Citrus County, and his deputies and assigns, are hereby authorized and empowered to take whatever lawful actions are necessary to implement this **voluntary evacuation** order.
- 6. This order shall take effect at 6:00 pmon September 27, 2022 and shall be in effect until cancelled or until the general state of emergency is no longer in effect.

(Signatures follow on the next page)



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

BY: Charles R. ORiver

CHARLES R. OLIVER COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

SHERIFF CITRUS COUNTY, FLORIDA

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APPROVED AS TO FORM FOR THE RELIANCE OF CITRUS COUNTY ONLY:

DENISE'A. DYMOND LYN COUNTY ATTORNEY