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**PROCLAMATION DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN BEAUFORT COUNTY DUE TO HURRICANE IDALIA**

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Ordinance 22-28 grants the Chairman of the County Council the power to issue proclamations and regulations concerning public safety, disaster relief and related matters which shall have the full force and effect of law during an emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 22-28 provides that the Chairman of the County Council may declare a state of emergency if the Chairman finds a disaster has occurred or that the threat thereof is imminent and emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing or anticipated situation; and

WHEREAS, I find that:

1. Hurricane Idalia is a deadly hurricane;
2. Hurricane Idalia is expected to strike Beaufort County on or about August 30, 2023;
3. Hurricane Idalia is an imminent threat to life, health, public safety and general welfare of the entire geographic area of Beaufort County and its residents; and
4. Emergency measures are necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated dangers presented by Hurricane Idalia.

THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN ALL AREAS OF BEAUFORT COUNTY DUE TO THE DANGERS PRESENTED BY HURRICANE IDALIA. I AFFIRM THE DUTIES, OBLIGATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIVISION COMMANDER AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE RECOVERY TASK FORCE AS SET FORTH IN CHAPTER 22, BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES AND IN PARTICULAR ARTICLE IV THEREOF AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE BEAUFORT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO ENFORCE ANY CURFEWS, RE-ENTRY PROCEDURES AND ALL OTHER SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY MATTERS. THIS STATE OF EMERGENCY SHALL LAST UNTIL 1700 September 3, 2023 UNLESS RESCINDED BY ME BEFORE THAT DATE.

The Proclamation shall become effective at 10:00 (A.M.) P.M. this 30th day of August, 2023.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT
COUNTY

By:



Joseph Passiment, Chairman

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Brittany Ward, County Attorney