

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, RATIFYING THE DURATION OF THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY IN SEMINOLE DECLARED BY THE MAYOR DUE TO TROPICAL STORM /HURRICANE IDALIA AND ITS POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM TO THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION DATE.

WHEREAS, as of August 28, 2023, Tropical Storm/Hurricane Idalia posed a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Idalia/Hurricane Idalia had the potential to cause extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, it was therefore necessary for the City of Seminole to take protective measures to ensure the safety of its residents; and

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023 the Governor of the State of Florida promulgated Executive Order 23-171 declaring a State of Emergency as a result of Tropical Storm /Hurricane Idalia; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners declared a State of Emergency effective on Monday, August 28, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of Seminole to declare a State of Emergency allowing the City 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;
8. Appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Seminole issued a Proclamation of Emergency on August 28, 2023, providing for declaration of a state of emergency within the City of Seminole; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Seminole approved the Mayor's Proclamation of Emergency at its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 11, 2023, and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Idalia made landfall around Seminole, Florida on August 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, as of September 1, 2023, the conditions causing the State of Local Emergency to be declared regarding Tropical Storm Idalia/Hurricane Idalia were no longer present; and

WHEREAS, the City experienced severe weather conditions and the City's emergency response teams and various departments have been able to manage the situation utilizing some of the extraordinary powers authorized by the Proclamation of Emergency pursuant to state law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. Each of the above recitals are incorporated herein as the findings of the City Council.


Section 2. A State of Local Emergency presented by Tropical Storm Idalia/Hurricane Idalia existed effective the 28th day of August, 2023, for all territory within the legal boundaries of the City of Seminole, Florida.

Section 3. The City Council ratifies the Mayor's proclamation of emergency and the waiver of any procedures and formalities as provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including any measures taken by the City Manager to respond to the emergency.

Section 4. The State of Local Emergency presented by Tropical Storm /Hurricane Idalia is hereby terminated effective 25th day of September 2023.


Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SEMINOLE, FLORIDA, THIS 25th day of September, 2023.**



Leslie Waters, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Marie Mancuso, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Jay Daigneault, City Attorney

