

**CITY OF MASCOTTE, FLORIDA
EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024-02
HURRICANE MILTON**

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for a number of counties across the State of Florida, including Lake County, due to the dangers presented by Tropical Storm Milton; and

WHEREAS, the forecast indicates that this system will become a large and powerful hurricane before landfall, and there is a significant threat of life-threatening storm surge and damaging wind gusts for the Florida Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, due to the system's size, the accompanying storm surge, wind, and rainfall impacts will extend across the Florida peninsula, and the faster forward approach of this system will likely result in farther inland penetration of strong winds and heavy rains even after landfall; and

WHEREAS, rainfall between four to twelve inches of rain is expected across the Florida peninsula, which is still saturated from the effects of Hurricane Helene, and which will likely lead to flash and riverine flooding, power outages, downed trees, and other impacts threatening the health, safety and welfare of the public, as well as damage to the operational ability of critical public infrastructure, such as roadways, electric, water, and wastewater public utilities; and

WHEREAS, because of the forgoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, on October 5, 2024, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, *Florida Statutes*, 'Emergency Management' provides for local emergencies; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38, *Florida Statutes*, declares it the innate responsibility of local government to safeguard the life and property of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), *Florida Statutes*, provides authority for political subdivisions to declare a state of local emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities, otherwise required of political subdivisions, in order to take whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.34, *Florida Statutes*, defines "emergency" as any occurrence, or threat thereof, whether natural, technological, or manmade, in war or in peace, which results or may result in substantial injury or harm to the population or substantial damage to or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, there is the potential for damage to critical City infrastructure, including public buildings, communication systems, streets, roads, facilities, utilities, and to commercial and residential buildings city-wide; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mascotte, Florida may need assistance from the State of Florida to address the potential damages to life and property; and

WHEREAS, the City of Mascotte should take timely precautions to protect public and private property and members of the public from the potential effects of Tropical Storm Milton; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Mascotte, Florida has determined that a state of emergency exists and hereby declares a local state of emergency within the City of Mascotte.

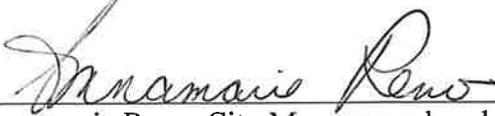
NOW, THEREFORE, I, City Manager of the City of Mascotte promulgate the following Emergency Executive Order:

SECTION 1. Emergency Declaration. A state of local emergency is hereby declared within the City of Mascotte, Florida.

SECTION 2. Assistance Requested. The Governor of the State of Florida is hereby requested to arrange and deliver the recovery and response activities as may be necessary and available to aid the citizens of the City of Mascotte, Florida during this emergency.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Emergency Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall be in effect for seven (7) days or until cancelled or extended as required by law.

ORDERED by the City Manager of the City of Mascotte, Lake County, Florida, this 6 day of October 2024.



Annamarie Reno, City Manager or her designee

RECEIVED AND FILED in the Office of the City Clerk of the City of Mascotte this 6 day of October 2024.

By: 

Stephanie Abrams, City Clerk or her designee