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PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	October 30, 2012	[] Consent [] Ordinance	[X]	Regular Public Hearing				
Department:	Department of P	Department of Public Safety						
Submitted By:	Department of Public Safety							
Submitted For:				··-				

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: RECEIVE AND FILE A) Declaration of Local State of Emergency declared on August 25, 2012 for a period of seven (7) days for Tropical Storm (TS) Isaac, and B) an Extension of Local State of Emergency for an additional 60 days per the Office of the Governor Executive Order Number 12-199

Summary: On August 25, 2012, Palm Beach County declared a Local State of Emergency due to the impending arrival of Tropical Storm Isaac. The Declaration of Local Emergency was declared at 3:00 pm on August 25, 2012 and continued for seven (7) days. A new Declaration of Emergency was subsequently approved to extend the Declaration of Emergency for an additional 60 days. Declaring a local state of emergency enables the County Administrator to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, which includes the authority take whatever prudent action is necessary to the ensure the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Palm Beach County. **Countywide (PGE)**

Background and Policy Issues: On Monday August 20, 2012, staff began closely monitoring the movement and forecast track of Tropical Storm Isaac as it approached the South Florida Peninsula. As the storm approached closer to South Florida, the forecasters were predicting that TS Isaac could possibly intensify into a Hurricane and threaten South Florida with Hurricane force winds. Because of this threat and in order for the County Administrator to have the authority to take whatever action is necessary to protect the safety and welfare of the inhabitants of Palm Beach County, a Local State of Emergency was declared on August 25, 2012 at 3:00 PM. Because the original Local State of Emergency is only valid for 7 days, an extension was executed for an additional 60 days per the Governor's Executive Order Number 12-199.

Attachments:

1) Declaration of Local State of Emergency

2) Extension of Local State of Emergency

3) State of Florida Office of the Governor Executive Order Number 12-199

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

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C.	Other Department	Review:				
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PROCLAMATION DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has been informed by its emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Tropical Storm Isaac; and

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

WHEREAS, after due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting; and

WHEREAS, after due and reasonable effort, neither the Chair nor the Vice Chairman can be timely located within Palm Beach County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, in such event the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35(a), I hereby resolve, find, and declare:

- 1. The above recitals are true.
- 2. I am the County Administrator of Palm Beach County, Florida
- 3. After due and reasonable effort, it is not possible to convene the Board of County Commissioners in a special emergency meeting.
- 4. After due and reasonable effort, neither the Chair nor the Vice-Chairman can be timely located within Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 5. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Code, Article II, Section 9-35, in such event the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.
- A state of local emergency hereby exists in Palm Beach County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning <u>β</u> p. m., this <u>β</u> day of August 2012.
- 7. On Behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Palm Beach County pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the county.
 - b. Entering into contracts.
 - c. Incurring obligations.
 - d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
 - e. Utilization of volunteer workers.

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- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
- 8. The County Administrator, or his designee is hereby 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 the County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Palm Beach County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.
- 9. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of general emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of local emergency has ended.
- 10. This Proclamation shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

By // // // // // By // ARobert Weisman

APPROVED AS TO TERMS & CONDITIONS

By: Director of the Safety Department

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By: County Attorney

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DECLARATION OF THE BOARD OFCOUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County has been informed by its emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Tropical Storm Isaac; and

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

WHEREAS, there are exigent circumstances surrounding Tropical Storm Isaac such that a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners may not practically be convened or allow for the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency; and

WHEREAS, Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, provides that in such event, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, that pursuant to Palm Beach County

Code Article II, Section 9-35, I hereby find, and declare:

- 1. The above recitals are true.
- 2. I am the County Administrator of Palm Beach County, Florida.
- 3. The exigent circumstances surrounding Tropical Storm Isaac do not allow for a regular or special/emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners to practically be convened or allow for the Chair or Vice-Chair to execute a resolution to declare a state of local emergency.
- 4. Pursuant to Palm Beach County Code Article II, Section 9-35, in such event, the County Administrator may declare a state of local emergency.
- 5. A state of local emergency was declared at 3:00 p.m. on August 25th, 2012 for seven (7) days. Said local emergency hereby continues to exist in Palm Beach County, Florida, for the period of time that a statewide state of emergency, as declared by the governor by executive order number 12-199 on August 25th, 2012.

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6. On behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, I hereby waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Palm Beach County pertaining to:

a. Performance of public work and any other prudent action necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the county.

b. Entering into contracts.

c. Incurring obligations.

d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.

e. Utilization of volunteer workers.

f. Rental of equipment.

g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies,

materials, and facilities.

h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

The County Administrator or designee is hereby 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 the County, if such action is

deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Palm Beach

County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent

threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters

125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.

8. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local

emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or designee, or until further

action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that

the state of local emergency has ended.

9. This Proclamation shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon

adoption.

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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA

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APPROVED AS TO LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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Robert Weisman

County Attorney

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OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-199

(Emergency Management-Tropical Storm Isaac)

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaac poses a severe threat to the State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of this State; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has advised that Tropical Storm Isaac is located 95 miles southeast of Guantanamo, Cuba and has maximum sustained winds of 60 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has indicated that Tropical Storm Isaac may continue on a northwestern track reaching the Florida Keys as a Category 1 hurricane early Monday morning and continue northwest along the Florida Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaac is likely to produce sustained hurricane force winds exceeding 74 miles per hour, flash flooding, dangerous storm surge, and tornadic activity in the next few days; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued a hurricane warning for the Florida Keys, the Florida Bay, and the Florida west coast from Bonita Beach southward; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued a hurricane watch for Florida east coast from Golden Beach southward; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued a tropical storm warning for Lake

Okeechobee and the Florida east coast from Jupiter Inlet southward; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued a tropical storm watch for the Florida east coast from north of Jupiter Inlet to Sebastian Inlet.

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare that this event threatens the State of Florida with a major disaster, and that as a consequence of this danger a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida.

State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to activate the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)–(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact ("EMAC") (sections 252.921-.933, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as best to meet this emergency.

B. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

C. Direct all state, regional and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

D. Designate Deputy State Coordinating Officers.
The State Coordinating Officer shall have the authority to enter such orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers.

Section 3. I order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard for the duration of this emergency, and I place the National Guard under the coordination and direction of the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency.

Section 4. I also find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some State, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to the emergency may require them to waive or deviate from the statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer. I delegate to the State and regional agencies the authority to waive or deviate from such statutes, rules, or agency orders to the extent that such actions are needed to cope with this emergency, including, but not limited to, any and all statutes, rules, or orders that affect budgeting, leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, conditions of employment, and the compensation of employees. I delegate to county, regional, and local governmental agencies the authority to likewise waive or deviate from their respective rules, ordinances, or orders. Any waiver of or deviation from statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders shall be by emergency rule or order in accordance with sections 120.54(4) and 252.46, Florida Statutes, and shall expire in thirty days from the date of this Executive Order, unless extended by the agency in increments not exceeding thirty days, and in no event shall remain in effect beyond the earlier of the date of expiration of this Order, as

extended, or ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of this Order. All governmental agencies exercising this authority in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as is practicable.

Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I order the following:

A. I give all agencies whose employees are certified by the American Red Cross as disaster service volunteers within the meaning of Section 110.120(3), Florida Statutes, the authority to release any such employees for such service as requested by the Red Cross to meet this emergency.

B. I authorize the Department of Transportation (DOT) to waive the collection of tolls and other fees and charges for the use of the Turnpike and other public highways, to the extent such waiver may be needed to provide emergency assistance or facilitate the evacuation of the affected counties; to reverse the flow of traffic or close any and all highways and portions of highways as may be needed for the safe and efficient transportation of evacuees to those counties that the State Coordinating Officer may designate as destination counties for evacuees in this emergency; to suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida; to waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles; and to waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodations Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions which render assistance in restoring vital services. The DOT shall also have the authority to waive the size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services,

supplies, or fallen timber for harvesting, allowing the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for all such vehicles for the duration of the emergency. In doing so, the DOT shall issue permits and such vehicles shall be subject to such special conditions as the DOT may endorse on any such permits. Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Executive Order, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived herein or by supplemental order by the State Coordinating Officer;

C. I authorize the Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) to suspend the International Registration Plan requirements pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, and the license fees or taxes imposed on vehicles pursuant to Chapter 207, Florida Statutes, as they relate to commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency assistance or services, or transport emergency equipment or personnel. Furthermore, the DHSMV shall have the discretion to waive fees for duplicate or replacement vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement drivers' licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such licenses, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions. In addition, the DHSMV is authorized to defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties wherein the DHSMV has closed offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the

DHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.

D. In accordance with section 465.0275, Florida Statutes, pharmacists are authorized to dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state and local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order.

E. 1 give all State agency heads the authority to suspend the effect of any statute, rule, ordinance, or order, to the extent needed to procure any and all necessary supplies, commodities, services, temporary premises, and other resources, including, but not limited to, any and all statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders which affect budgeting, leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, and the condition of employment and the compensation of employees, but not limited to, any statute, rule, ordinance, or order shall be suspended only to the extent necessary to ensure the timely performance of disaster response functions as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan, or as directed by the State Coordinating Officer. Any waiver of statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders shall be by emergency rule or order in accordance with sections 120.54(4) and 252.46, Florida Statutes, and shall expire in thirty days from the date of this Executive Order, unless extended in increments of no more than thirty days by the agency, and in no event shall remain in effect beyond the earlier of the date of expiration of this Order, as extended, or ninety (90) days from the date of issuance of this Order.

F. I give all State agency heads responsible for the use of State buildings and

facilities the authority to close such buildings and facilities in those portions of the State affected by this emergency, to the extent to meet this emergency.

G. I give all State agency heads the authority to abrogate the time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules under which such application are deemed to be approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines, and all such time requirements that have not yet expired as of the date of this Executive Order are suspended and tolled to the extent needed to meet this emergency.

Section 5. All public facilities, including elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, state universities, and other facilities owned or leased by the state, regional or local governments that are suitable for use as public shelters shall be made available at the request of the local emergency management agencies to ensure the proper reception and care of all evacuees.

Section 6. I find that the demands placed upon the funds appropriated to the agencies of the State of Florida and to local agencies are unreasonably great and may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this disaster. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys appropriated for other purposes, moneys from unappropriated surplus funds, or from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 7. All State agencies entering emergency final orders or other final actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable.

Section 8. Medical professionals and workers, social workers, and counselors with good and valid professional licenses issued by states other than the State of Florida may render such services in Florida during this emergency for persons affected by this emergency with the condition that such services be rendered to such persons free of charge, and with the further condition that such services be rendered under the auspices of the American Red Cross or the Florida Department of Health.

Section 9. Pursuant to section 501.160, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful and a violation of section 501.204 for a person to rent or sell or offer to rent or sell at an unconscionable price within the area for which the state of emergency is declared, any essential commodity including, but not limited to, supplies, services, provisions, or equipment that is necessary for consumption or use as a direct result of the emergency.

Section 10. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified. This Executive Order shall expire sixty days from this date unless extended.

ATTEST:

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto

set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of August, 2012.

GOVERNOR

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