

PROCLAMATION 17-70

A PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO HURRICANE IRMA THAT HAS POTENTIAL OF PRODUCING SEVERE WEATHER, SURGE, AND HIGH WIND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY; AS PROVIDED FOR BY CHAPTER 252 OF FLORIDA STATUTES AND BY PUTNAM COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 96-14, AS CODIFIED IN SECTION 16, PUTNAM COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Florida Statute Chapter 252 and Putnam County Ordinance No. 96-14, as codified in Section 16, Putnam County Code of Ordinances, the declaration of an emergency in Putnam County, Florida is hereby issued by the Interim County Administrator in the absence of the Chairman of Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Emergency Operations and Preparedness or their Designee, shall function as the County Coordinating Officer. All Government agencies shall coordinate with the County Emergency Operations Center for all requests for assistance through the appropriate Emergency Support Function.

WHEREAS, the County desires to be in a position to maximize all resources that may be available; and


WHEREAS, all Putnam County Assets and Personnel are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of the County Coordinating Officer:

WHEREAS, any County regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of County business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with emergency are hereby suspended. Suspension of such procedures shall be at the direction of the County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his or her designees: and

WHEREAS, the County desires to insure, that all possible efforts are being made to protect human life and property. The Emergency Management Ordinance 96-14 and the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan is hereby activated and Putnam County Emergency Management/County Coordinating Officer shall have the authority to take all actions necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens and property of Putnam County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of, September, 2017, that a state of emergency be declared locally for Putnam County, Florida, and that the County Administrator and/or County Coordinating Officer or his or her Designees are authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to secure resources to protect human life and property and to utilize all lawful authority granted to the County under State and County laws as necessary to accomplish same. This declaration is effective through September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2017 and may be extended in seven day increments by the County Administrator.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PUTNAM COUNTY, FLORIDA

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