

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, DECLARING STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO POTENTIAL THREAT FROM HURRICANE IRMA.

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma poses a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Belleair; and

WHEREAS, Belleair has evacuation times in order to evacuate residents from the hazards of a hurricane; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Irma has the potential for causing extensive damage to utilities, public buildings, public communications systems, public streets and roadways, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida had promulgated Executive Order No. 17-235, wherein he found that a State of Emergency exists within the state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, provided authority for a political subdivision such as Belleair to declare a State of Local Emergency and 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, that Hurricane Irma poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Belleair and that a State of Local Emergency is hereby declared, effective immediately, for all territory within the legal boundaries of Belleair shall be embraced by the provisions of this resolution.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the town will adopt any mandatory evacuations put into force by Pinellas County; that all provisions of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan relating to this type of event shall be implemented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Commission of the Town of Belleair hereby exercise its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Chapter 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statute, and Section 2.11 of the Town of Belleair Charter.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF BELLEAIR, FLORIDA, this 5th day of SEPTEMBER, A.D., 2017.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Town Clerk