



# CITY OF TAMPA

— OFFICE OF THE MAYOR —

Jane Castor, Mayor

## EXECUTIVE ORDER 2022-12

**WHEREAS**, on September 23, 2022, by Executive Order 22-218, Governor Ron DeSantis declared that a State of Emergency existed in several counties in the State of Florida, including Hillsborough County, in response to the threat posed by that storm then identified as Tropical Depression Nine; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, by Executive Order 22-219, Governor Ron DeSantis amended Executive Order 22-218 to acknowledge that Tropical Depression Nine had strengthened into Tropical Storm Ian, and to declare that a state of emergency existed in the entire State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, President Joseph Biden approved an Emergency Declaration for the State of Florida in order to make federal aid available to supplement the state, tribal and local response efforts due to emergency conditions resulting from the storm; and

**WHEREAS**, a countywide State of Emergency for Hillsborough County was declared by the County Administrator of Hillsborough County by Order dated September 24, 2022, in response to the threat posed by Tropical Storm Ian (which became Hurricane Ian); and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and Section 2-402 of the City of Tampa Code provide that a Local State of Emergency shall be declared by Executive Order of the Mayor if the Mayor finds that an emergency (as defined in Section 253.34, Florida Statutes) has occurred in the City of Tampa, or the threat thereof is imminent; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa experienced an imminent threat of personal injury and property damage due to the approach of Hurricane Ian as it moved toward the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 24, 2022, as Mayor of the City of Tampa, and due to the imminent threat of substantial injury and harm to the citizens, and the threat of substantial damage to property, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa by City Code Article VII, Civil Emergencies, Sections 2-401, et. seq., the Charter of the City of Tampa, and the Laws of the State of Florida, and in coordination with Hillsborough County, I issued a declaration of a State of Local Emergency by Executive Order 2022-11; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2022, President Joseph Biden approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Florida to make federal funding available to state, tribal and local governments, and to affected individuals and business owners, for recovery efforts including debris removal and other emergency protective measures; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City of Tampa was ultimately spared the significant damage suffered by other parts of the state due to Hurricane Ian, individuals and property owners within the City of Tampa suffered personal harm and property damage for which the City continues to provide assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa continues to expend resources assisting with debris removal and other post storm recovery efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Tampa is also providing resources, including City personnel, to assist in emergency recovery efforts in other parts of the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 1, 2022, Hillsborough County issued an Order extending the countywide declaration of a state of local emergency originally issued on September 24, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the continuation of a local state of emergency may enable the City of Tampa to access funds from state and federal agencies to assist with the costs incurred by the City of Tampa in taking mitigative measures and other proactive actions to repair property damage and otherwise aid and protect the citizens of the City of Tampa and in other parts of the State of Florida.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa by City Code Article VII, Civil Emergencies, Sections 2-401, et. seq., the Charter of the City of Tampa, and the Laws of the State of Florida, and in coordination with Hillsborough County, I hereby issue this Executive Order:

**SECTION 1. Extension of State of Local Emergency.** Based on the findings and justifications set forth in the recitals clauses above and incorporated herein by reference, the State of Local Emergency declared by Executive Order 2022-11 on September 24, 2022, is hereby extended within the City of Tampa for another seven (7) day period, effective as of the date hereof.

**SECTION 2. Governor's Executive Orders.** The Governor's Executive Orders related to Hurricane Ian; specifically, Executive Order 22-218 and Executive Order 22-219, are incorporated herein by reference and shall have full force and effect in the City of Tampa as provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

**SECTION 3. Mayor's Continuity of Government Powers.** Pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and City Code Section 2-403, Emergency Management Powers of the Mayor, the Mayor is hereby empowered and authorized to perform or exercise the actions set forth in the City Code Section 2-403(a); as the need or circumstances arises; additionally, the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the City by law or ordinance are hereby waived pertaining to the actions set forth in City Code Section 2-403(b).

**SECTION 4. Effective Date and Duration.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately on the date set forth below and shall remain in effect for seven (7) days, unless terminated earlier.

**DONE and ORDERED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2022.

  
Jane Castor, Mayor

PREPARED AND APPROVED BY:

e/s Andrea Zelman  
Andrea Zelman, City Attorney