# RESOLUTION
## NUMBER 2026 – 030

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO HURRICANE HELENE.

## RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, by Resolution No. 2024-156 declared a state of local emergency on September 24, 2024, due to the imminent threat to Charlotte County posed by Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine, and thereafter extended the state of local emergency by Resolution dated October 1, 2024, October 7, 2024, October 14, 2024, October 21, 2024, October 28, 2024, November 4, 2024, November 11, 2024, November 18, 2024, November 25, 2024, December 2, 2024, December 9, 2024, December 16, 2024, December 23, 2024, December 30, 2024, January 6, 2025, January 13, 2025, January 20, 2025, January 27, 2025, February 3, 2025, February 10, 2025, February 17, 2025, February 24, 2025, March 3, 2025, March 10, 2025, March 17, 2025, March 24, 2025, March 31, 2025, April 7, 2025, April 14, 2025, April 21, 2025, April 28, 2025, May 5, 2025, May 12, 2025, May 19, 2025, May 26, 2025, June 2, 2025, June 9, 2025, June 16, 2025, June 23, 2025, June 30, 2025, July 7, 2025, July 14, 2025, July 21, 2025, July 28, 2025, August 4, 2025, August 11, 2025, August 18, 2025, August 25, 2025, September 1, 2025, September 8, 2025, September 15, 2025, September 22, 2025, September 29, 2025, October 6, 2025, October 13, 2025, October 20, 2025, October 27, 2025, November 3, 2025, November 10, 2025, November 17, 2025, November 24, 2025, December 1, 2025, December 8, 2025, December 15, 2025,

December 22, 2025, December 29, 2025, January 5, 2026, January 12, 2026, January 19, 2026, January 26, 2026, February 2, 2026, February 9, 2026, and February 16, 2026; and

WHEREAS, conditions continued to degrade, which led to the cyclone's gradual intensification to become Hurricane Helene on September 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall as category 4 hurricane, causing loss of life, damage to property due to significant storm surge, coastal flooding and erosion, and damaging winds to the Florida Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by Hurricane Helene poses a serious and continuing threat to public health, life and safety; and

WHEREAS, the emergency mitigation of, response to and recovery from the effects of Hurricane Helene necessitate the continuation of the declaration of a state of local emergency in Charlotte County such that the powers available to local governments under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes shall remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte County Code Section 2-1-43 provides that the County Administrator may take all necessary actions to address the emergency when, as is the case here, a quorum of the Board of County Commissioners is unable to timely convene, and provides for the procedure and formalities otherwise required by law to be waived; and

WHEREAS, an emergency exists such that the immediate enactment of this resolution pursuant to Section 2-1-43, Charlotte County Code, is necessary.
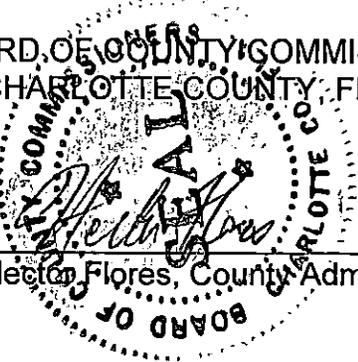
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Charlotte County, Florida:

Section 1. The state of emergency declared on September 24, 2024, by Resolution 2024-156 is hereby extended for an additional seven (7) days from the effective date of this Resolution, unless terminated or modified earlier or extended in accordance with law.
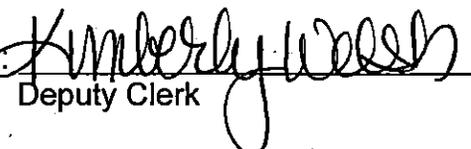
Section 2. All emergency powers authorized by the September 24, 2024, Resolution declaring a local state of emergency and any extensions are hereby retained and continued for the duration of this Resolution.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: _____
Hector Flores, County Administrator

ATTEST:
Roger D. Eaton, Clerk of the Circuit
Court and Ex-officio Clerk of the
Board of County Commissioners

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:

By: _____
Thomas M. David, County Attorney
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