

**RESOLUTION NO. R-01-223**

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center recognizes the danger to coastal residents of Florida from Tropical Storm Gabrielle, by posting a Hurricane Warning for Manatee County; and

**WHEREAS**, Manatee County has high evacuation times to evacuate residents from the hazards of a hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, the current forecast error of the National Hurricane Center does not allow for a confident prediction of the track of Tropical Storm Gabrielle point in time coinciding with Manatee County's high evacuation times; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Gabrielle has the potential for causing extensive damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and road, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 252.38(6)(e), Florida Statutes, and Manatee County Ordinances, provides authority for a political subdivision such as Manatee County 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 of distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

**NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Manatee County, Florida, in open session, this 13th day of September, 2001, that Tropical Storm Gabrielle poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of Manatee County and that a State of Local Emergency shall be declared, effective immediately for all territory within the legal boundaries of Manatee County, including, that all unincorporated and incorporated areas shall be embraced by the provisions of this Resolution.

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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners hereby exercises its authority and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a political subdivision, as provided in Chapter 252.38(6)(e), Florida Statutes and Manatee County Ordinances.

**ADOPTED** in Open Session, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2001.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Joe McClash  
Chairman

ATTEST: R. B. SHORE  
CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT

BY: Kiy D. Umana

