

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-13

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA,  
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE  
HOSFORD TORNADO EVENT.**

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Liberty County ("Board"), Florida as follows:

1. Liberty County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida, which is authorized pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes to declare a local state of emergency in Liberty County and to exercise all statutorily authorized emergency powers to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
2. On Thursday, April 27, an EF2 Tornado touched down in Hosford in Liberty County ("Hosford Tornado Event") causing widespread and extensive damage to trees, homes and other structures and causing massive household and vegetative debris to pile up on roads and right of ways.
3. The scale of damage has required Liberty County to engage in extraordinary efforts to provide emergency assistance to property owners, engage in debris hauling and has resulted in tons of vegetative and household waste to pile up at the Liberty County transfer station.
4. Whereas, based on the continuing emergency efforts necessary to deal with the aftermath of this disaster, Board hereby declares that a local state of emergency exists because of the Hosford Tornado Event and recognizes that the potential exists that it could pose a continuing threat to citizens and property in Liberty County.

5. This emergency may require the immediate assistance of municipal, state, and federal aid to address any emergency impacts on the citizens of Liberty County and may require the County to exercise its statutorily authorized emergency powers included in Florida Statutes Chapter 252 to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
6. The provision of this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless terminated earlier by the Board or the Chair of the Board.
7. **THIS RESOLUTION** shall become effective immediately.

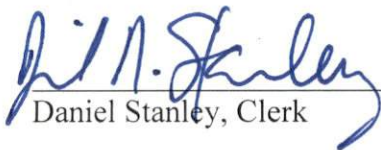
Adopted this 4 day of May, 2023.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LIBERTY COUNTY, FLORIDA**

  
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Hannah Causseaux, Chair

ATTEST:

Approved as to form:

  
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Daniel Stanley, Clerk

  
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County Attorney