

**RESOLUTION 2022-15
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF INTERLACHEN, FLORIDA,
DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, EFFECTIVE 5:00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Nicole constitutes a significant threat to the residents of the Town of Interlachen; and

WHEREAS, forecasting specific to Putnam County indicates a strong likelihood of significant impact on the Town of Interlachen; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Interlachen requires significant lead time in order to prepare and/or evacuate residents from the hazards of a Tropical Storm; and

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

WHEREAS, on **November 9, 2022**, the Interlachen Town Council issued a Resolution declaring a State of Local Emergency due to Tropical Storm Nicole, as provided by Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the Town of Interlachen to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive certain procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions by law including, but not limited 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;
8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Interlachen, pursuant to its home rule powers has adopted certain emergency procedures as well as the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by way of Resolution 2005-11 passed and adopted on September 13, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED AND DECLARED BY THE INTERLACHEN TOWN COUNCIL:

Section 1. Tropical Storm Nicole poses a serious threat to the lives and property of residents of the Town of Interlachen and there is hereby declared a State of Local Emergency to be effective at 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2022, in and upon all areas within the legal boundaries of the Town of Interlachen.

Said State of Local Emergency may be terminated by the Town Clerk or the Mayor of the Town of Interlachen in writing.

Section 2. This Declaration is an emergency measure necessary for the protection of the public health, welfare, and safety, due to the proximity of Tropical Storm Nicole.

Section 3. That the Town Clerk or the Mayor is authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to secure resources to protect human life and property and to utilize all lawful authority granted to the Town under State, County and Municipal laws as necessary to accomplish same.

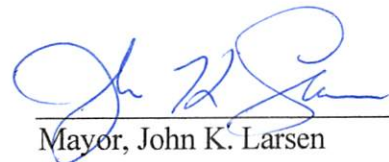
Section 4 That all Town of Interlachen assets are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Interlachen Police Department;

Section 5. That any Town regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of Town business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with the emergency, are hereby suspended. Suspension shall be at the direction and discretion of the Town Clerk or the Mayor, with concurrence from the Chief of Police;


Section 6. This Declaration of a State of Emergency shall take effect at 5:00 p.m. on November 9, 2022, and is effective through November 11, 2022, and may be extended in seven-day increments by the Town Clerk or Mayor.

DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Interlachen, Florida at an emergency meeting on this 9th day of November 2022

Absent
Chairperson, Judi Costanzo


Mayor, John K. Larsen


Vice-Chairperson, Carolyn Bennett


Council, Beverly Bakker


Council, Joni Conner


Council, Carolyn Meadows

Attest:


Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)