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Flagler County declares ‘State of Local Emergency’

September 5, 2017 – Flagler County at noon today declared a “State of Local Emergency” following the statewide declaration made by Gov. Rick Scott on Monday, September 4.

“Current forecast models show Hurricane Irma, which is a Category 5, making landfall in South Florida and traveling north impacting the entire state,” said County Commission Chair Nate McLaughlin. “This threat requires us to make timely preparations to protect our community.”

The proclamation will be in effect for seven days. It allows Flagler County to enter into contracts and incur obligations, as well as acquire and distribute materials and supplies for the health and safety of its residents.

“We are making our preparations as a county, and we are asking our residents to do so as well,” said Public Safety Emergency Manager Steve Garten. “Please fuel up your vehicles and prepare an emergency supply kit that will last you and your family a minimum of three days. Keep in mind that we may not have as many resources available given where the storm is likely to make landfall.”

That kit should minimally include the following:

- **Water** — one (1) gallon of water per person, per day, for at least three days to be used for drinking and sanitation.
- **Food** — at least a three-day supply on non-perishable food. Choose foods the family will eat even under blue skies. Include some snacks and comfort food to ease stress.
- **Radio(s)** – battery powered or hand-crank radio, and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert. Have extra batteries for both.
- **Flashlight(s)** – and extra batteries.
- **Whistle** – to be used to signal for help.
- **Dust mask** – to help filter contaminated air, and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place.
- **Moist towelettes** – and other personal sanitation items like garbage bags and plastic ties.
- **Wrench or pliers** – to turn off utilities.
- **Manual can opener**
- **Local maps**

Check for current information on Flagler County’s website [www.flaglercounty.org](http://www.flaglercounty.org), and follow “Flagler County Government” or “Flagler County Emergency Management on Facebook or Twitter. The county’s social media team will provide updates through these *official* accounts:

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- Facebook.com/FlaglerEOC
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