Proclamation

INDIAN SHORES

DECLARATION OF FOURTH EXTENSION OF THE
STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE HELENE

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(3)(a), Florida Statutes, gives authority to political subdivisions to declare and enact a State of Local Emergency for a period of up to seven (7) days and to take certain measures that are in the interest of the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of September, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order Number 24-208, amended by Executive Order 24-209, declaring a State of Emergency for various counties in Florida, including Pinellas County; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners met on the 24th day of September, 2024, and declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores Town Council met on the 24th day of September, 2024, and declared a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores suffered extensive damage to its infrastructure from the wind, rainfall, and storm surge from Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, these conditions continue to constitute a potential life threatening situation for the citizens and visitors to the Town of Indian Shores and are expected to continue for some undefined period of time; and

WHEREAS, the Pinellas County Barrier Islands that include the Town of Indian Shores are closed to its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town's Emergency Ordinances are contained in Chapter 26, Town of Indian Shores Code of Ordinances ("Town Code"); and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26-72 of the Town Code authorizes the waiver of procedures and formalities otherwise required of political subdivisions to take whatever prudent actions necessary to endure the health, safety, and welfare of the community in the event of a state of emergency, when quorum of the town council is unable to meet, the mayor or vice-mayor in her absence, or the chief of police, or his designee are empowered to declare a local state of emergency whenever it is determined that natural or man-made disaster or emergency has occurred; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26-74 of the Town Code provides that the state of emergency shall continue until the mayor or vice-mayor in her absence, or chief of police, or designee, in the absence of the mayor and vice-mayor, finds that the threat or danger no longer exists and/or until an emergency meeting of a quorum of the town council can take place and determine the state of emergency by proclamation

WHEREAS, the Town of Indian Shores has a municipal emergency management program, ("Plan"); and
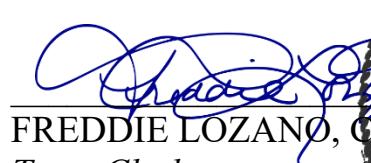
WHEREAS, the purpose of this Proclamation is to extend the duration of the Plan and continue authorization of all Town officers, employees, and agents to perform their respective duties, functions, and obligations as set forth in such Plan, the State Emergency Management Act and the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement, and all other legal authority, under the general direction and control of the Incident Commander, as set forth in such Plan and law.

WHEREAS, Diantha Schear, Mayor of the Town of Indian Shores, declares the extension of the State of Local Emergency for the Town of Indian Shores for an additional seven (7) days as provided by Chapter 26-72 and 26-74 of the Town Code and Fla. Stat. §252.38(3)(a) is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the community.

Now, Therefore, be it proclaimed that I, ___**Diantha Schear**___, Mayor of the Town of Indian Shores**,** Pinellas County, Florida, do hereby proclaim and declare, on this __**21**__ day of __**October**__, 2024, pursuant to Chapter 26-72 and 26-74 of the Town Code and Fla. Stat. §252.38(3)(a), the fourth extension of the State of Local Emergency to be extended an additional seven (7) days until __**12:00**__ P.M., on October **28** , 2024.

ATTEST:

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DIANTHA SCHEAR   FREDDIE LOZANO, CMC
Mayor   *Town Clerk*