

**RESOLUTION NO. 843-24**

**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS EXTENDING A LOCAL  
STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARED ON OCTOBER 7,  
2024, BY RESOLUTION 831-24 – HURRICANE MILTON**

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of significant effects from Hurricane Milton, the Governor of the State of Florida declared governmental emergencies due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Pasco County, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7, 2024, in anticipation of significant effects from Hurricane Milton, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 831-24 declaring a local state of emergency due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 14, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 832-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 21, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 833-24 extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a second time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 25, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 835-24 with an effective date of October 28, 2024, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a third time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 1, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 837-24 with an effective date of November 4, 2024, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a fourth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 838-24 with an effective date of November 11, 2024, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a fifth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 18, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 838-24, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a sixth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 22, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 840-24 with an effective date of November 25, 2024, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for a seventh time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 2, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 841-24 with an effective date of the same date, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for the eighth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 9, 2024, the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida passed Resolution 842-24 with an effective date of the same date, extending the declaration of a local state of emergency for the ninth time due to the threat to life, health, property, welfare or the public peace of the people of Zephyrhills, Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, Hurricane Milton has significantly impacted the City of Zephyrhills by causing down trees, damage to public, commercial and residential structures, caused roads to be closed, caused significant flooding and has put a strain on the public utilities of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes, provides authority for a municipal corporation such as the City of Zephyrhills to declare a local state of emergency for a period of time

up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments, and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of a municipal corporation by law pertaining to:

- a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community.
- b. Entering into contracts.
- c. Incurring obligations.
- d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
- e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
- f. Rental of equipment.
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials and facilities.
- h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.


**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2024, that the above described weather situation has caused debris, damage to property, and flooding which pose a serious threat to the life, health, property, welfare or public peace of the people of the City of Zephyrhills and that the **state of local emergency** declared on October 7, 2024 and extended on October 14, 2024, October 21, 2024, October 28, 2024, November 4, 2024, November 11, 2024, November 18, 2024, November 25, 2024, December 2, 2024, and December 9, 2024 shall be, and is hereby declared extended starting December 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. for a period of time up to seven (7) days, which may be extended as necessary in seven (7) day increments by subsequent resolution, and all territory within the legal incorporated boundaries of the City of Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida shall be embraced by the provisions of this emergency resolution;

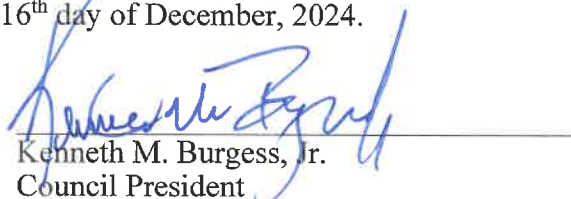
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council for the City of Zephyrhills hereby exercises its statutory authority and appoints the City Manager as its representative to implement and enforce the provisions of this declaration, and waives the procedures and formalities required by law of a municipal corporation, as authorized in Section 252.38(3)(a)(5), Florida Statutes.

All public officials and employees of the City of Zephyrhills are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations and directives, state and local.


All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and civil emergency/disaster service forces in executing emergency operational plans and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified public officers.

The foregoing Resolution No. 843-24 was read and passed in an open special meeting of the City Council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida, on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.


Attest:   
Ricardo Quiñones  
Acting City Clerk

  
Kenneth M. Burgess, Jr.  
Council President

The foregoing Resolution No. 843-24 was approved by me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2024.

  
Melonie Bahr Monson, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM & CONTENT

  
Matthew E. Maggard, City Attorney