## EVACUATION ORDER FOR RESIDENTIAL HEALTH CARE FACILITIES WITHIN ZONE A, ZONE A AND MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION NO. 23-68

**WHEREAS**, the weather system presently identified as Tropical Storm Idalia ("Idalia") by the National Hurricane Center poses a serious potential threat to the residents and property of Pinellas County; and

**WHEREAS**, the current forecast error of the National Hurricane Center does not allow for a precise track of Idalia to determine the threat level from wind damage or rain or the related protective measures required; and

**WHEREAS,** Idalia has the potential for causing substantial damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

**WHEREAS,** the Governor of the State of Florida has promulgated Executive Order 23-171, wherein he found that a state of emergency exists within the State of Florida, and the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County has declared a local state of emergency pursuant to Resolution No. 23-68; and

**WHEREAS**, Resolution No. 23-68 identified that the County Administrator and designated successors in authority are empowered to order mandatory evacuation orders in response to evolving conditions in accordance with the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP); and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.04(k) of the Pinellas County Charter grants to the County all special and necessary power to provide for the development and implementation of civil preparedness programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 34 of the Pinellas County Code sets forth provisions to ensure the readiness of Pinellas County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the people of Pinellas County in the face of a natural or manmade disaster.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED** in accordance with Resolution No. 23-68, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023:

- 1.) That in light of the serious threat to the lives and property of Pinellas County residents posed by Idalia, a mandatory evacuation is ordered:
  - a. For Residential Healthcare Facilities located within evacuation Zone A, the evacuation is to commence at 1:00 p.m. on Monday August 29, 2023; and
  - b. For evacuation Zone A, and for <u>all</u> residents of mobile homes in any evacuation zone, the evacuation is to commence at 7:00 p.m. on Monday August 28, 2023;

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2.) This evacuation shall remain in force until ended by further order. All prior orders remain in full force and effect. Any unauthorized person located in, or attempting to enter, an evacuation area after the above stated completion time shall be in violation of F.S. §252.50, and subject to the penalties therein.

Ordered this 28th day of August 2023, at 1:40 p.maXiXXXX.

By the County Administrator, or Successor:

Barry Burlon

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APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: Miles Belknap

Office of the County Attorney