

**BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY  
WILD FIRES**

**WHEREAS**, Bay County is expected to be affected by wild fires, which could affect life and property of the citizens of Bay County; and

**WHEREAS**, persons in affected areas may be asked to voluntarily evacuate their homes and remove their possessions from their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, certain additional personnel and specialized equipment may be required to assist in administering the needs of the citizens and to determine the extent of damage; and

**WHEREAS**, Bay County government and affected municipalities are exerting maximum efforts to address the emergency conditions and assist affected citizens; and

**NOW THEREFORE, I ROBERT CARROLL, CHAIRMAN OF THE BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**, in accordance with the provisions of the State of Florida, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes and Chapter 15, Article VI of the Bay County Code, promulgate the following Declaration.

**SECTION 1.** A state of local emergency exists within Bay County due to the effects of WILD FIRES.

**SECTION 2.** The Bay County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan promulgated by the Bay County Emergency Services Ordinance is hereby activated and the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners or the County Manager shall have the power, authority and duty to take any and all action under the plan necessary for the preservation of the health, welfare and safety of the people of Bay County, specifically need not comply with adopted procurement and purchasing polices during this emergency.

**SECTION 3.** The Bay County Chief of Emergency Services shall provide overall coordination for county response and county agencies shall coordinate through the Chief of Emergency Services regarding any assistance to be provided.

**SECTION 4.** All county agencies will provide necessary assistance as requested by the Bay County Chief of Emergency Services

**SECTION 5.** The provision of this Declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, unless otherwise extended by the Bay County Board of County Commissioners of Bay County, Florida.

**DONE and ORDERED THIS** \_\_\_\_\_ day of March 4, 2022.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BAY COUNTY, FLORIDA**



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Robert Carroll, Chairman