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CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA DECLARING A STATE
OF LOCAL EMERGENCY RELATED TO HURRICANE
IAN; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of LaBelle places the highest premium on safety of life and property in the City during storm events; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Executive Order 2022-218 in response to the anticipated landfall of Tropical Depression Nine and has declared a state of emergency, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has upgraded Tropical Depression Nine to Hurricane Ian; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center predicts Hurricane Ian will approach Florida's Peninsula at or near major hurricane strength and could affect South Florida and portions of the Florida Keys as early as Monday; and

WHEREAS, forecasting specific to Hendry County indicates a strong likelihood of significant impact on this area; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian has the potential for causing extensive flooding and potential wind and water damage to public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, provides authority for a political subdivision such as the City of LaBelle to declare a State of Local Emergency and to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of local governments by law pertaining to:

1. Performance of public work and taking whatever action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
2. Entering into contracts;
3. Incurring obligations;
4. Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
5. Utilization of volunteer workers;
6. Rental of equipment;

- 49 7. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies,
50 materials and facilities;
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52 8. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
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54 **WHEREAS**, the Chapter 20 of the LaBelle Code authorizes the Mayor to declare a
55 state of emergency to respond to the emergency should a quorum of the City Commission be
56 physically unable to meet; and
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58 **WHEREAS**, the Mayor hereby declares a local state of emergency to respond to the
59 threat posed by Hurricane Ian.
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61 **NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the City Commission of the City of LaBelle,
62 Florida that the City of LaBelle hereby resolves:
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64 **Section 1.** The recitals above are hereby incorporated herein.
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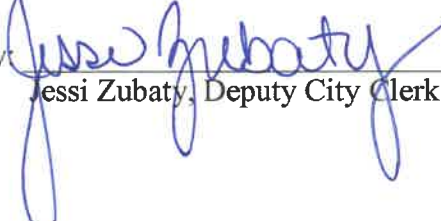
66 **Section 2.** The Mayor was provided plenary authority on behalf of the City
67 Commission of the City of LaBelle to take all actions necessary for protection of persons and
68 property authorized by law.
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70 **Section 3.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.
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73 **ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION** of the City of LaBelle, Florida this
74 26th day of September, 2022.
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76 Attest:

CITY OF LABELLE, FLORIDA

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78 By: 
79 Jessi Zubaty, Deputy City Clerk
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By: 
Julie C. Wilkins, Mayor