



SOUTH TRAIL FIRE PROTECTION & RESCUE SERVICE DISTRICT

Established 1965

“Compassion, Commitment, Courage”

South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue Service District (District) Executive Emergency Declaration Tropical Storm Helene

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WHEREAS, as of September 24, 2024, Tropical Storm Helene is certain to impact areas of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed and declared by Florida’s Executive Order #24-208 and #24-209 (as amended), specifically declares Lee County as forecasted to be directly impacted with flood watches, tropical storm/hurricane watches/warnings including potential tornadic activity, potential elevated tides, frequent rain bands with dangerous lightning that will potentially impact the District’s primary response area; and

WHEREAS, the immediate threat posed requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the District as well as provide mutual-aid to surrounding jurisdictions; and

BECAUSE of, the foregoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, in accordance with Florida’s State-wide Mutual Aid Agreement, the District is enacting all reasonable preparation and response measures including, but not limited to, any and all District resources, including the support and staffing of Urban Search & Rescue’s Florida Task Force 6. In the interest of protecting life and property, all assets under the District’s control remain operationally prepared and ready to appropriately respond to this declared state and local emergency event; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gene Rogers, as Fire Chief of the South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue Service District, by virtue of the authority vested in me, and with direction of, the South Trail Fire Protection & Rescue Service District’s Board of Fire Commissioners, Florida State Statute Chapter 191 and the Lee County Independent Special Fire Control District Act, Chapter 97-340, direct the following local order to take effect immediately, in full accordance with Office of the Governor, Executive Order #24-208 and #24-209 (as amended).

This declaration is effective immediately this 24th day of September, 2024, and shall expire on October 23, 2024, unless extended, or canceled, by the District.

Attest:

By: Gene Rogers Gene Rogers, Fire Chief

By: Robert McDonnell Robert McDonnell
Chairman, South Trail Fire Commissioners