

RESOLUTION 26-_____

**AN EMERGENCY ORDER, RESOLUTION AND
PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY,
FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE REQUIREMENT
FOR CERTAIN RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE OKALOOSA
COUNTY IN RESPONSE TO ANTICIPATED LOCAL
EMERGENCY CONDITIONS REGARDING HURRICANE
ISAIAS; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County is a political subdivision of the State of Florida, and pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, "State of Florida Emergency Management Act" and Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances Section 9-42, is authorized to find and declare a local state of emergency in Okaloosa County and exercise those powers conferred by Chapter 252 and the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida has issued a declaration of emergency for all, or a portion of, the State of Florida, Executive Order 26-202, declaring that a state of emergency exists for multiple counties in Florida, near to or including Okaloosa County in-futuro; and

WHEREAS, a local state of emergency has been declared, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, which authorizes the waiver of procedures and formalities otherwise required by law for a political subdivision to take whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure health, safety and welfare of the community in the event of a state of emergency, and Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances Section 9-42, because of the severe threat that Hurricane Isaias poses to Okaloosa County, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias is expected to produce life-threatening conditions in Okaloosa County including, but not limited to, winds and/or gusts ranging from tropical storm to hurricane strength, excessive rainfall, both aerial and storm-surge flooding, high tides; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias has the potential for causing substantial damage to critical infrastructure including, but not limited to, public utilities, public buildings, public communication systems, public streets and roads, public drainage systems, commercial and residential buildings and areas; and

WHEREAS, Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances Section 9-42 and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, set forth provisions to ensure the readiness of the County, provide for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare, and preserve the lives and property of the community and people of the County in the face of a natural or man-made disaster; and

WHEREAS, the Okaloosa County Board of County Commissioners, through its authorized designee, mandates that certain portions and elements of Okaloosa County be evacuated by all persons.

BE IT RESOLVED AND DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY as follows:

1. In accordance with the provisions of Okaloosa County Code of Ordinances Section 9-42, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners hereby orders that, effective at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7th, 2026, all persons in the following portions and elements of Okaloosa County, Florida shall evacuate:

All persons living in Okaloosa County Evacuation Zone(s) A and B

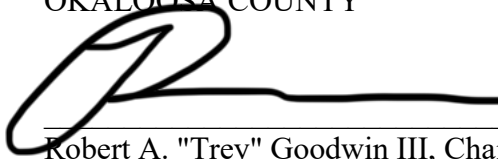
All persons living in low-lying, flood-prone areas, or on a boat, mobile home, recreational vehicle, camper or other similar conveyance.

2. This Order/Resolution shall remain in effect until rescinded.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners this day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
OKALOOSA COUNTY

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Robert A. Goodwin III', written over a horizontal line.

Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin III, Chairman

ATTEST:

Brad E. Embry, Clerk