

**RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION AND PROCLAMATION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF OKALOOSA COUNTY, FLORIDA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY REGARDING TROPICAL STORM ZETA; 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 Ordinance No. 91-23, as amended, 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 weather system presently identified as Tropical Storm Zeta by the National Hurricane Center, which may be re-named Hurricane Zeta, poses a serious threat to the residents and property of Okaloosa County; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Zeta is forecast to strengthen to hurricane strength prior to landfall along the Northern Gulf coast with Okaloosa County currently located within the "Cone of Uncertainty"; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Zeta is expected to produce gusts and/or winds ranging from tropical storm to hurricane force in our area; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Zeta is currently projected to produce persistent rainfall and storm system recurve East after landfall pose a substantial threat for river flooding; and

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Zeta 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**, Okaloosa County Ordinance No. 91-23, as amended, 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 people of the County in the face of a natural or manmade disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and section 9-42 of the Okaloosa County Code, in the absence of a decision made by a quorum of the Board the Chairman is empowered to declare a local state of emergency and extend same.

**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 Ordinance No. 91-23, as amended, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the Board of County Commissioners hereby declares

a local state of emergency from Tropical Storm Zeta, and waives all procedures or formalities authorized and invoke all powers provided in accordance with said Statutes and Ordinance and pursuant to this Declaration.

2. This Resolution shall remain in effect for seven (7) full twenty-four hour periods from the date and hour adopted.

3. This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF  
OKALOOSA COUNTY



Robert A. "Trey" Goodwin, III, Chairman

ATTEST:

---

J. D. Peacock, II  
Clerk