## RESOLUTION NO. R- 98-1503

## RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, safeguarding the life and property of the citizens of Palm Beach County is an innate responsibility of the Board of County Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 52.38(6)(e), Florida Statutes, grants the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County the authority and power to request State assistance or invoke emergency-related mutual aid assistance by declaring a state of local emergency in the event of an emergency affecting Palm Beach County; and

WHEREAS, Section 252.38(6)(c), Florida Statutes, further empowers the Board of County Commissioners to waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to a number of actions that can be taken to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the community, in accordance with the authority set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. R-89-384 authorizes the Chair to execute a resolution declaring a state of local emergency at such time a disaster occurs without the necessity of a Board of County commissioners's hearing; and

WHEREAS, a disaster has placed Palm Beach County in a state of emergency, exposing the citizens thereof to danger to life and property; and

WHEREAS, in order to respond to such disaster, the County Administrator or his designee is hereby authorized to initiate and take such actions authorized by Section 252.38 Florida Statutes for and on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners during the term of such local state of emergency.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT:

1) The foregoing recitals are hereby affirmed and ratified.

2) A state of local emergency is hereby declared effective immediately and that such declaration shall remain in full force and effect for a period of seven (7) days unless extended or sooner rescinded by the Governor of the State of Florida or the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

3) Emergency Ordinances such as those relating to price gouging,

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emergency repair of buildings, and the like, are immediately effective;

4) That the formalities of a Board of County Commissioners' meeting are hereby waived, pursuant to Resolution No. R-89-384 and the Chair is authorized to execute this resolution on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County.

The Chair thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this <u>24th</u> Day of <u>September</u>, 1998.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

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PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By Chair

Dorothy H. Wilken, Clerk

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