

**CLAY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY  
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

**WHEREAS**, on January 27, 2004, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance No. 04-1 (hereinafter the Ordinance), invoking the powers provided in Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and the Clay County Comprehensive Local Emergency Management Plan due to the extreme dry, parched and windy weather conditions, the extensive threat of forest and brush fires in Clay County, and the continuing threat created thereby; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 2 of the Ordinance, the Board of County Commissioners granted authority to the County Manager to declare a state of emergency from time to time when determined that the conditions giving rise to a declaration of a statement of emergency have recurred, and the Board thereby authorized the County Manager to declare by administrative order the reinstatement and thereafter the further extension of said state of emergency in successive increments of up to seven days each; and


**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida signed Executive Order No. 26-33 on February 9, 2026, declaring a state of emergency for all of Florida in anticipation of the extensive threat of forest and brush fires due to the extreme dry, parched and windy weather conditions in Florida, which Executive Order was extended on April 10, 2026 by Executive Order No. 26-80 and is still in effect today; and

**WHEREAS**, as of April 16, 2026, exceedingly dry, parched and windy conditions have continued for several months in Clay County, giving rise to the need to declare a state of emergency for a period up to and including April 22, 2026.

**NOW THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority granted by Clay County Ordinance No. 04-1, I do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist within the meaning of Section 252.38, Florida Statutes, for a period commencing April 16, 2026, and continuing through April 22, 2026.

**DATED** this 16th day of April, 2026, in Green Cove Springs, Florida.

Clay County Board of County Commissioners



Howard Wanamaker, County Manager