

**CITY OF LAUDERHILL
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
(SOE 23-01 EXTREME RAIN EVENT-FLASH FLOODING)**

WHEREAS, Broward County received unusual torrential and historical amounts of excessive rainfall on April 12, 2023, which exacerbated an already rainy week, and more rainfall is expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, some parts of Broward County, Florida have already received over 25 inches of rain which is causing extreme flash flooding; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued a rare flash flood emergency with Flood Warnings issued to parts of Broward County, which are likely to continue to be issued throughout the day as rainfall is expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, four tornado warnings were also issued on April 13, and other tornadic activity may develop based upon the anticipated future weather forecast; and

WHEREAS, extreme rainfall occurred within the City of Lauderhill and several areas in the City remain flooded, many roads are not passable, and several parks will remain closed due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, all Broward County Public Schools were ordered closed, the Broward County Courthouse is closed, and the Fort Lauderdale International airport remains closed due to flooding; and

WHEREAS, the rain event is expected to continue and there is a risk of continued heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, beach erosion, and the potential for additional isolated tornadic activity for Broward County; and

WHEREAS, Florida Statutes, Chapter 252, allows the City of Lauderhill to declare a local state of emergency and to exercise extraordinary powers by emergency directives; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager of the City of Lauderhill may, by a written statement, declare an emergency in the City of Lauderhill in accordance with Section 8-1/2 of the City of Lauderhill Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, all relevant sections of Chapter 8-1/2 as well as the remainder of the City of Lauderhill Code of Ordinances and any and all other applicable

State, County, and City, rules and regulations shall become effective immediately; and

WHEREAS, the City of Lauderhill had to promptly react in response to the torrential rains and flooding beginning Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 12:00 noon and the flooding and hazardous conditions continue to remain in effect; and


WHEREAS, residents are encouraged to stay home and remain vigilant;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Desorae Giles-Smith, the City Manager of the City of Lauderhill, effective as of 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, do hereby declare that a STATE OF EMERGENCY existed and continues to exist in the City of Lauderhill with regard to the Extreme Rain Event, which Declaration will continue to remain in effect for seven (7) days from that date unless extended. This Declaration is in addition to, and does not amend or otherwise modify, any other existing Declaration of Local State of Emergency.



Desorae Giles-Smith
City Manager

Attest:



Andrea M. Anderson
City Clerk

Signed and Sealed this 13th day of April 2023 at the City of Lauderhill, Broward County, Florida, with a copy to be kept on file in the City Clerk's Office.