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**RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 03**

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**MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA**

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**“State of Emergency” Declaration**

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**ADOPTED: July 6, 2021**

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### **A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AUTHORIZING EMERGENCY POWERS TO THE FIRE CHIEF, AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

**WHEREAS**, Tropical Storm Elsa is threatening the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District of Manatee County, FL; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the State of Florida has declared a “State of Emergency” – Executive Order 21-150; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of Manatee County, FL has declared a “State of Emergency” – By the County Administrator on behalf of Manatee County relative to tropical storm Elsa; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida Statutes 189.015(1), allows for the Board to meet on short notice when a bona fide emergency exists.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Fire Commissioners for the West Manatee Fire & Rescue District that a “State of Emergency” is declared for the District.

**FURTHERMORE**, until the threat of this emergency and the effects of the disaster have passed, or this Resolution is rescinded by Board action, the Fire Chief is authorized the following emergency powers:

1. Enact whatever steps are necessary to carry out emergency preparation and disaster response for the District and to assist other Mutual Aid Agencies, the County, and State as appropriate.
2. Authorize emergency preparation and disaster related expenditures from budgeted disaster expenses and the transfer of assigned spendable reserve funds designated for a State of Emergency as needed.
3. Approve and sign emergency preparation and disaster related contracts on behalf of and as an agent of the Board of Fire Commissioners.
4. Temporarily amend standing contracts, policies, and practices as appropriate to the pending emergency and effects of its disaster.
5. Carry out provisions for Continuity of Operations (COOP) and Continuity of Government (COG).

**This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.**

**Adopted by the Board of Fire Commissioners of West Manatee Fire & Rescue District, with a quorum present and voting, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.**

**WEST MANATEE FIRE & RESCUE DISTRICT**

ATTEST:

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Robert Bennett  
Secretary/Treasurer

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Lawrence Jennis, Chair

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George Harris, Vice Chair

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David Bishop, Commissioner

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Al Robinson, Commissioner

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