



CITY OF RICHMOND HILL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Helene is forecasted to impact the City of Richmond Hill; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Georgia declared a State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene on September 24, 2024 and the Chairman for Bryan County Commission declared a State of Emergency for Tropical Storm Helene on September 24, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center forecasts Tropical Storm Helene may produce heavy rainfall, damaging winds, and flooding in the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this storm system has the potential to produce severe impacts to citizens of and visitors to the City of Richmond Hill; and

WHEREAS, potential flooding, downed trees, power lines, and debris may render roads impassable in affected areas, isolating residences and persons from access to essential public services; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Mayor of the City of Richmond Hill, there exists emergency circumstances located within its jurisdiction requiring extraordinary and immediate response for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Richmond Hill; and

WHEREAS, O.C.G.A. Section 38-3-28 provides the political subdivisions of this state with the authority to make, amend, and rescind such orders, rules, and regulations as may be necessary for emergency management purposes to supplement rules and regulations promulgated by the Governor during a State of Emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mayor Russ Carpenter, does hereby declare that a local emergency exists and that it is necessary to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property; and further that this document, and any amendments hereto, shall be considered a Declaration of Local Emergency and filed in the office of the City Clerk and communicated to the citizens of the City as necessary. This Declaration of Local Emergency is made pursuant to Section 26-34 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Richmond Hill and such other provisions as are applicable hereto. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Declaration are hereby suspended during the effective dates of this Declaration (or any extension thereof) and the terms and provisions of this Declaration shall prevail. This state of emergency shall extend for a period of 10 days from the date hereof, unless sooner terminated, or extended, by further declaration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Richmond Hill, Georgia to be affixed this 25th day of September, 2024.

A blue ink signature of Russ Carpenter, Mayor of Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Russ Carpenter, Mayor

Attest:

A blue ink signature of Dawnne Greene, City Clerk of Richmond Hill, Georgia.

Dawnne Greene, City Clerk