

**RESOLUTION DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR MOBILE COUNTY AND ACTIVATING DISASTER
RESPONSE AND RECOVERY MEASURES**

WHEREAS, the Mobile County Commission is authorized by law to take certain actions to protect the safety and welfare of the public upon a determination that an emergency or disaster has occurred or is imminently likely to occur; and

WHEREAS, there is an existing and increasing possibility of an emergency or disaster in that the National Weather Center has issued a Hurricane Warning for Mobile County and advised that the path of Hurricane Isaias may cross in or around Mobile County, Alabama over the next two to three days; and

WHEREAS, Governor Kay Ivey declared a state of emergency on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, for 40 counties in Alabama, including Mobile County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Mobile County Commission (Commission) determines that an emergency or disaster exists pursuant to § 31-9-2(a), Code of Alabama (1975) that is highly likely to occur in and around Mobile County and declares a local state of emergency.
2. The Commission does hereby waive procedure and formalities otherwise required by law pertaining to the performance of public work, including but not limited to procedure and formalities as set out in § 11-3-8, Code of Alabama (1975), and the Alabama Open Meetings Act, related to calling and conducting Commission meetings.
3. Pursuant to § 11-1-8, §31-9-10(b)(6), Code of Alabama (1975), and this Resolution, the Commission authorizes, its President or in his/her absence, the Vice President, to take all necessary actions to safeguard the residents and employees of Mobile County, including ordering the closure of County-owned or operated offices, buildings and parks, whether open to the public or not. At this time, the President of the Commission orders that all Mobile County Parks shall close at 6:00 p.m., October 8, 2026, and all other County-owned or operated offices and buildings shall close at 8:00 a.m. (CST) on Friday, October 9, 2026, and all shall remain closed until the conclusion of the emergency event, and reopened as directed by the President, or in his/her absence, the Vice President.
4. Having recognized the emergency, the Commission hereby exercises its authority pursuant to the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, at §31-9-1 et. seq. to “[a]ppropriate and expend funds [and] make contracts ... [to] provide for the health and safety of persons and property.”
5. The Commission finds that a delay in action during this imminent emergency would likely result in harm to an individual or public property and that the Commission shall take all steps necessary to let contracts pursuant to §§ 31-9-10 (b)(5), and 41-16-53 Code of Alabama (1975).

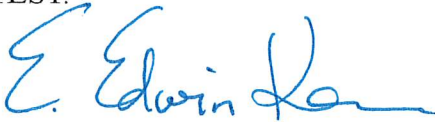
6. The Commission finds and determines that debris removal services may be necessary and that a delay in obtaining said services, considering the emergency situation, will likely cause harm to individuals or public property.
7. Pursuant to §§31-9-2(a), 31-9-10(b)(5)a. and §41-16-53 of the Code of Alabama (1975), the Commission authorizes, on the advice and recommendation of the County Administrator and the County Attorney, the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President of the Commission to execute a Notice to Proceed to allow the contractor selected pursuant to the ACCA joint bid award for Region 1 to perform necessary debris removal services for the County. The Commission further authorizes the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President to activate or issue Notices to Proceed for any other necessary, pre-positioned contracts for disaster response and recovery.
8. In the alternative, the Commission authorizes, on the advice and recommendation of the County Administrator and the County Attorney, the President or, in his/her absence, the Vice President to solicit quotes or estimates and execute any contracts necessary with disaster relief entities, without the need for strict adherence to the advertisement requirements for competitive bids pursuant to Alabama law, to provide needed services for the residents of Mobile County.
9. The Commission requires that all department heads be available for work-related action during this emergency as necessary.

ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2026.



CONNIE HUDSON, PRESIDENT

ATTEST:



E. EDWIN KERR, COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR