

**ORDER EXTENDING DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY  
BY CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RELATED TO  
RAILROAD TIE FIRE ON CSX PROPERTY IN THE CITY OF DUNNELLON**

**RECITALS**

1. On February 3, 2026, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Resolution 26-R-23 to declare a state of local emergency related to the February 1, 2026, fire in the City of Dunnellon involving the large stockpiles of creosote treated railroad ties which resulted in hazardous conditions and serious threats to public health and safety.
2. Pursuant to Section 2 of Resolution 26-R-23, the state of local emergency was declared for a period of seven (7) days, with a provision that the seven (7) day period could be altered by the issuance of a subsequent order of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, after consultation with the Marion County Director of Emergency Management.
3. As Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, I have this date conferred with the Marion County Director of Emergency Management, and we have collectively determined that there is a need to *extend* the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency for an additional 7 days.

NOW, THEREFORE, BASED ON THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THE BOARD in Section 2 of Resolution 26-R-23, I hereby Order that the Declaration of a State of Local Emergency enacted by Resolution 24-R-459 is hereby extended for an additional 7 days, until March 17, 2026.

Dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.



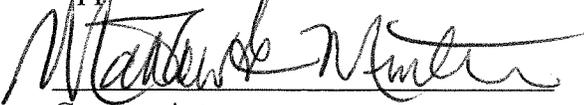
CARL ZALAK, III  
Chairman of the Board  
Of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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GREGORY C. HARRELL  
Clerk of Circuit Court

Approved as to Form:



County Attorney