

**INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
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**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

**THROUGH:** John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator  
David Johnson, Director of Emergency Services  
Ryan Lloyd, Emergency Management Coordinator

**FROM:** Rachel Ivey, Emergency Management Planner II  
Department of Emergency Services

**DATE:** October 11, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Updated Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between Indian River County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management

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It is respectfully requested that the information contained herein be given formal consideration by the Board of County Commissioners at the next scheduled meeting.

**BACKGROUND:**

On April 24, 2001, the Board of County Commissioners approved Indian River County's participation in the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement (SMAA). The agreement was then updated in 2018. The Florida Division of Emergency Management is requesting that all counties update their agreements to the 2023 version.

To summarize the agreement, Florida is vulnerable to a wide range of disasters that are likely to cause a disruption of essential services and the destruction of the infrastructure needed to deliver those services. Such disasters may exceed the capability of any one county to respond but other local governments may be able to provide assistance. This Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement provides the assistance for reciprocal emergency aid and assistance in case the disaster exceeds our ability to respond.

The 2023 Update to the agreement includes the following provisions:

1. Revises language for adoption by signatories on the signature pages. Provides clarification and direction on any documentation requirements, procedures and disputes regarding reimbursement between the requestor and providing entity.
2. Removes the references to the Form B Attachment to the Resource Support Agreements found on the [Division Approved Documents SharePoint site](#).
3. Add references to the Division's F-ROC documentation and specifies requirements for signatories to use the Division's processes (i.e., F-ROC Forms, Digital reimbursement via DEMES, etc.) for state requested missions.

**FUNDING:**

There is no funding related to this agreement.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approval of the attached Resolution and updated 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement between Indian River County and the Florida Division of Emergency Management.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Original of the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.
2. Resolution approving the updated 2023 Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.