A DECLARATION OF THE CITY MANAGER OF THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE, FLORIDA, EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE AS A RESULT OF THE SEVERE RAINFALL EVENT

WHEREAS, THE City Manager has made the following determinations:

1. Pursuant to Chapter 98 of the City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, the City Manager has authority to declare and extend a state of emergency.

2. Between October 30, 2026, and November 4, 2026, the City of Port St. Lucie, Florida experienced severe and prolonged rainfall, resulting in substantial flooding, saturated drainage systems, hazardous road conditions and closures, and threats to public infrastructure throughout the City ("Event").

3. On November 2, 2026, the City Manager of the City of Port St. Lucie declared a state of local emergency.

4. On November 3, 2026, the City Council of the City of Port St. Lucie adopted Resolution 26-R86, authorizing the City Manager to exercise certain emergency powers and authority during a local emergency in accordance with Chapter 252, Florida Statutes.

5. On November 2, 2026, St. Lucie County issued a countywide declaration imposing a state of local emergency in accordance with County Resolution No. 00-277, which authorized the County Administrator and the Public Safety Director to exercise certain emergency powers and authority during a local emergency.

6. On November 9, 2026, the St. Lucie County extended the state of local emergency through November 16, 2026.

7. On November 2, 2026, the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for several counties, including St. Lucie County, by Executive Order 26-227 ("EO 26-227"), effective for sixty (60) days.

8. The conditions resulting from the Event have caused the City to remain in a state of local emergency, which placed its residents and property at risk.

9. Due to the serious threats to public health, safety and welfare, and the ongoing City efforts to address the resultant damage, it is necessary to extend the declaration of a state of emergency during this period of emergency.

10. Section 252.38(3)(a)5, Florida Statutes, provides that a state of local emergency may be declared for a period up to seven (7) days and may be extended in 7-day increments as necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to Chapter 98 City of Port St. Lucie Code of Ordinances, City Resolution 26-R86, and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, the City Manager declares as follows:

A. The declaration of a state of emergency as a result of the Event is extended.

B. Such declaration shall remain in full force and effect for seven (7) days from the end of the expiration of the current declaration, to wit: November 23, 2026, unless extended an additional seven (7) day increments by the City Council or the City Manager or sooner rescinded by the City Council or the City Manager.

This declaration shall become effective upon the expiration of the current declaration, to wit: on November 16, 2026.

Jesus Merejo, City Manager