



CITY OF STUART PUBLIC NOTICE

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Following Governor's executive order, city officials declare a state of local emergency

Stuart, FL – On Monday, July 9th, Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order Number 18-191 declaring a state of emergency for: Glades, Hendry, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, and Saint Lucie counties as a result of an increase in the number of algae blooms stemming from Lake Okeechobee freshwater discharges.

Monday evening, City officials followed the order with a declaration of a local state of emergency. Signed by Mayor Kelli Glass Leighton, the emergency declaration is active for seven (7) days or until city officials declare otherwise; whichever is first.

Algae blooms not only threaten human health and safety, but also impact the local ecology, economy, and environment; potentially resulting in substantial injury or harm to the public as well as substantial damage to or loss of property.

In addition to declaring a local state of emergency, the City has also posted Blue-Green Algae awareness signs along the downtown Riverwalk and riverfront, warning residents and visitors to avoid contact with the water.

For additional information and other city news, please visit: <http://www.cityofstuart.us/index.php/hot-topics>.

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**CITY OF STUART, FLORIDA
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, there has been an increased number of algal blooms occurring within the waters of the City of Stuart including the St. Lucie River, and its tributaries and connected canals; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes the adverse health, environmental, and economic impacts of the Blue-Green Algae on the City of Stuart and its residents, businesses, and visitors; and

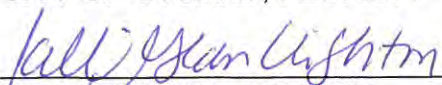
WHEREAS, Blue-Green Algae is a direct threat to the City of Stuart, resulting in substantial injury or harm to the public within the City, as well as substantial damage to or loss of property; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 252.38(2), Florida Statutes, the City of Stuart shall coordinate its emergency management activities with the Martin County Director of Emergency Management, who may invoke local emergency powers as set forth in Ordinance No. 558, and perform such functions, as provided by laws and regulations of Martin County, and the State of Florida.

NOW THEREFORE, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the City Commission of the City of Stuart, Florida, its ordinances, and the laws of the State of Florida, I hereby DECLARE A STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY to exist in the City of Stuart, Florida. This declaration shall remain in effect for a period of seven (7) days, or until the Mayor and City Commission determine otherwise, whichever comes first, unless extended pursuant to the provisions of law.

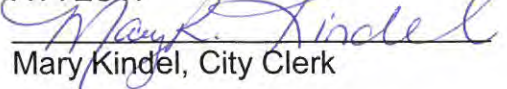
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereby execute this Declaration of Local Emergency on this 9 day of July, 2018.

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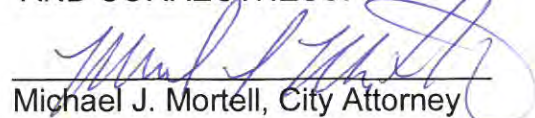
KELLI GLASS LEIGHTON
MAYOR

ATTEST:



Mary Kindel, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM
AND CORRECTNESS:



Michael J. Mortell, City Attorney

