

## **Local State of Emergency Declaration**

### **Authority**

### **Baldwin County, Alabama**

WHEREAS, the Gulf Coast of Alabama, Baldwin County, and the City of Foley are immediately threatened by Hurricane Isaias. Alabama Governor Kay Ivey has issued a state of emergency that went into effect on Wednesday, October 7, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias is expected to become a major hurricane by the time it makes landfall on Friday, October 9, 2026, in or near Mobile and Baldwin Counties. This storm is expected to cause significant damage to public and private property and to seriously disrupt essential utility services and systems.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ralph G. Hellmich, Mayor of the City of Foley, Alabama, declare that a Local State of Emergency exists in Baldwin County and in the City of Foley, and I hereby invoke and declare those portions of the Code of Alabama that are applicable to these conditions and that have caused the issuance of this declaration to be in full force and effect in the City of Foley, Alabama, for the exercise of all necessary emergency authority for the protection of the lives and property of the people of this City and the restoration of local government with a minimum of interruption.

My authority for this Declaration, for this weather emergency and any future weather emergency, is established by City of Foley Resolution 17-1237-RES, adopted by the City Council of the City of Foley at a regular meeting held on September 5, 2017, in accordance with Alabama's Open Meetings Law. Section 2 of Resolution 17-1237-RES provides that, if future conditions warrant a Local State of Emergency as authorized by the Code of Alabama 1975, Section 31-9-2(a), and as described in the Resolution, the Mayor, or the Council President should the Mayor not be available, shall have the authority to declare a Local State of Emergency without delay affecting public health, safety, and convenience as a result of a pending and/or threatening future hurricane. Section 3 further authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to execute contracts determined by the Mayor to be necessary to meet the State of Emergency without public advertisement, as authorized by Section 39-2-2(e), Code of Alabama 1975.

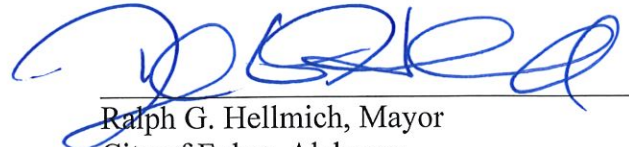
All public offices and employees of the City of Foley are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the state of emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives—state and local.

All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

All operating forces will direct their communications, requests for assistance, and operations directly to the Baldwin County Emergency Operating Center.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of October, 2026.



  
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Ralph G. Hellmich, Mayor  
City of Foley, Alabama

Attest:   
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Christi Watkins, City Clerk  
City of Foley, Alabama