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CITY DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY

(Temple Terrace, Florida – 9/8/2017) - In preparation of Hurricane Irma, a local state of emergency was declared by City officials this morning during a special meeting of the City Council.

The declaration acknowledges the potential threat Hurricane Irma poses to the community and provides authority to waive procedures and formalities pertaining to public safety and city operations associated with the City's Emergency Management Plan.

Additionally, many non-essential City services will be postponed until after the threat posed by Hurricane Irma has passed.

City offices will close Friday at 2 p.m. and remain closed through Monday.

Sandbag supplies still are available at the Park & Ride across from City Hall on N. 56th St. while supplies last on Friday. The sandbag station at Ridgedale Sports Complex has closed. For the most up-to-date information on City operations, monitor the City's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cityoftempleterrace.

Greco Middle School, 2925 E. Fowler Ave., will open 8 a.m. Saturday and serve as the community's primary hurricane shelter. For pet-friendly or special needs shelters, please visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org.

The City's Emergency Operations Center will open on Saturday. Police and Fire communications will remain operational throughout the storm, but responses to calls for service will be prioritized based on urgency and availability of emergency personnel.

Residents are urged to complete all hurricane preparations immediately. If storm conditions exceed safe response protocols, first responders may not be able to respond until conditions subside. Be safe, plan ahead and activate your hurricane plan now.

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The Mission of the City of Temple Terrace is to deliver professional services to our community while promoting, protecting and preserving the heritage, natural resources and quality of life for future generations of our amazing city.