

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES AND
RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER 24-208 AND 24-214, RELATING TO
HURRICANE HELENE AND HURRICANE MILTON

DEM ORDER NO 24-014

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-208, as amended by Executive Order 24-209, regarding Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine that made landfall as Category 4 Hurricane Helene, affecting most of the State of Florida, declaring a state of emergency for Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington counties; and

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, regarding Tropical Storm Milton, declaring a state of emergency for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau,

Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Orders 24-208 and 24-214 designated the Executive Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Division”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in section 252.36(6)-(12), Florida Statutes.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Orders 24-208 and 24-214, as amended, sections 252.36(1)(a), (6)(a), and (9), Florida Statutes, and any other relevant laws, find it necessary to direct the primary emergency management forces of the State to do the following in order to expedite debris removal and the ongoing cleanup efforts across the affected counties in the State of Florida.

As State Coordinating Officer, I direct all local governments, including the affected counties and cities to:

1. File an expedited project worksheet through the Division via expeditedprojects@em.myflorida.com within 30 days for the 90 days 100 percent cost share, as it relates to all debris removal and emergency protective measures project worksheets submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) projected to be 1.1 million. Prior to filing the expedited project worksheet(s), a Request for Public Assistance (RPA) shall be submitted in FEMA’s Grants Portal and subsequently approved;
2. All local governments must continue to identify county, city, and special district properties for expedited debris management for permit issuances;

3. In accordance with Executive Order 24-214, the local governments must continue debris removal around the clock for the first 90 days or until the debris mission is complete. Any local government may request for a written exemption from this directive if their cumulative debris total is less than 100,000 cubic yards; and
4. All local governments shall report their daily debris removal totals by debris categories for each contracted vendor through the Division's Florida City and County Debris Transparency Dashboard.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me in Executive Order 24-208 and 24-214, as subsequently amended, section 252.36(1)(a), (6)(a), and (9), Florida Statutes, and any other relevant laws, I hereby direct all local governments to comply with this directive until the expedited debris cleanup has been effectively completed.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in force for the duration of Executive Orders 24-208 and 24-214, whichever expires later.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 13th day of October, 2024, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Kevin Guthrie
State Coordinating Officer
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Filed on this date, with the designated Division Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.



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Division Clerk

Date: October 13, 2024