STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES

DEM ORDER NO. 22-009

AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE

ORDER NUMBER 253, MADE NECESSARY

BY TROPICAL STORM NICOLE

**EMERGENCY ORDER** 

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-

253 regarding Tropical Storm Nicole and declared a state of emergency for several counties

in much of Florida's Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 22-253 designated the Director of the

Division of Emergency Management 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; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2. F. of Executive Order 22-253 and section

252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, Governor DeSantis authorized the State

Coordinating Officer to suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any

way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to

cope to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4. B. of Executive Order 22-253, each state agency

may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for

conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the

provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay

necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

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WHEREAS, Rule 60L-34.0031(3), Florida Administrative Code, prohibits overtime payment for employees filling Selected Exempt Service and Senior Management Service positions, which includes Bureau Chief-level and equivalent employees of the Division of Emergency Management, thereby preventing, hindering, and delaying necessary action in coping with the emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order 22-253 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, find that strict compliance with the following rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency:

I. Rule 60L-34.0031(3), Florida Administrative Code, as it relates to Bureau Chief-level and equivalent employees of the Division of Emergency Management.

Accordingly, for the duration of Executive Order 22-253, including any extensions thereof, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me thereby, I hereby suspend the effect of the above-referenced rule as it relates to the Division of Emergency Management for the limited purpose of responding to this emergency.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive Order 22-253 expires.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2022, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

State Coordinating Officer

Florida Division of Emergency Management

2555 Shumard Oak Blvd. Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed on this date, with the designated Division Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Division Clerk

Date: 11/k/2022