

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES DEM ORDER NO. 22-002
AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE
ORDER NUMBER 22-54 MADE NECESSARY
BY THE NORTHWEST WILDFIRES

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2022, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-54 regarding the wildfire in Bay County and declared a state of emergency to protect the lives and property of the people in the threatened communities, the environment, and the general welfare of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2022, Governor DeSantis amended Executive Order 22-54 with Executive Order 22-55 to include Calhoun and Gulf counties in the state of emergency, due to the development of additional wildfires; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 22-54 designated the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 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 with this emergency; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of sections 287.055(3)(a)-(e), (4)(a)-(d), (5)(a)-(c), (7), and 287.057, Florida Statutes, and Rules 60A-1.002(4), 60A-1.021(2), and 60A-1.043(1)-(3), Florida Administrative Code, which pertain to the procurement of personal property and services, would subject the Division of Emergency Management to undue delay in

taking action to facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order 22-54, find that the requirements applicable to the Division of Emergency Management pursuant to:

- Sections 287.055(3)(a)-(e), (4)(a)-(d), (5)(a)-(c), (7) and 287.057, Florida Statutes; and
- Rules 60A-1.002(4), 60A-1.021(2), and 60A-1.043(1)-(3), Florida Administrative Code;

are likely to prevent, hinder, or delay the Division of Emergency Management's ability to take actions needed to effectively facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

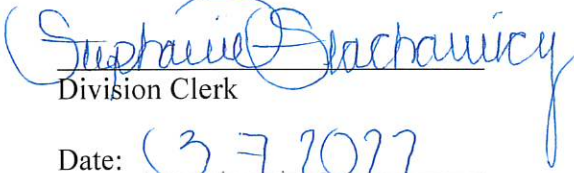
Accordingly, I hereby suspend the requirements of the above-referenced statutes and rules for the duration of Executive Order 22-54 and any extensions thereof.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 7th day of March, 2022,
in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Kevin Guthrie
State Coordinating Officer
Florida Division of Emergency Management
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Tallahassee, Florida 32399

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



Stephanie Stachanicy
Division Clerk

Date: 3.7.2022

