STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

DEM ORDER NO. 25-005

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES

AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE

ORDER NUMBER 23-03, RELATING TO

ILLEGAL MIGRATION

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-03

regarding illegal migration and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 23-03 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 23-03 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

respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.B. of Executive Order 23-03, 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

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the provisions of section 287.15, Florida

Statutes, which pertain to the purchase or lease of motor vehicles, watercraft, or aircraft

would subject the Division to delay in taking action to facilitate the rapid response

necessary to respond to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Sections 2 and 4 of

Executive Order 23-03, and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, find that the

Division's strict compliance with the following statute would prevent, hinder, or delay

necessary action in coping with the emergency:

1) Section 287.15, Florida Statutes.

Accordingly, for the duration of Executive Order 23-03, including any extensions

thereof, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me thereby, I hereby suspend the effect

of the above-referenced statute only as it pertains to the Division and only for the limited

purpose of facilitating the Division's response to this emergency.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive

Order 23-03 expires, to include any extensions thereto.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 16th day of August,

2025, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Kevin Guthrie

State Coordinating Officer

Florida Division of Emergency Management

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

Division Clerk

Date: August 19, 2025

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