

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES  
AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NUMBER 23-03, RELATING TO  
ILLEGAL MIGRATION

DEM ORDER NO. 25-003

**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. E. of Executive Order 23-03, the State Coordinating Officer possesses the authority to designate Deputy State Coordinating Officers, as necessary; 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 sections 287.055(3)(a)-(e), (4)(a)-(c), 5(a)-(c), (7), Florida Statutes, sections 287.057(1)(a)-(c), (3), (17), (21), and (26), 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 to delay in taking action to facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery necessary to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the provisions of section 273.055, Florida Statutes, which pertains to the disposition of state-owned tangible personal property, would subject the Division to a severe shortage of space for storing essentials and thereby would cause delay in taking action to facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery necessary to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the provisions of section 215.422(3)(a)-(b), Florida Statutes, would impose an unreasonable burden on the Division in processing the large volume of invoices and other documentation associated with responding to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order 23-03 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, find that strict compliance with the following statutes and rules would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency:

- I) Sections 215.422(3)(a)-(b), Florida Statutes;

- 2) Sections 287.055(3) (a)-(e), (4) (a)-(c), 5 (a)-(c), (7), Florida Statutes, Sections 287.057(1) (a)-(c), (3), (17), (21), and (26), Florida Statutes, and Rules 60A-1.002(4), 60A-1.021(2), and 60A-1.043(1)-(3), Florida Administrative Code; and
- 3) Section 273.055, 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 statutes and rules for the limited purpose of responding to this emergency.

Additionally, I designate Deputy Director Kieth Pruitt, Deputy Director Stephanie Houpp, Sert Chief Ian Guidicelli and Chief of Staff Jake Felder of the Division of Emergency Management as Deputy State Coordinating Officers, who shall, subject to my approval or ratification, jointly and/or concurrently have the authority granted in Section 2 of Executive Order 23-03.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive Order 23-03 expires.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025 in

Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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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: April 25, 2025