

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES DEM ORDER NO. 25-001
AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE
ORDER NUMBER 25-13, RELATING TO
GULF WINTER WEATHER SYSTEM

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2025, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 25-13 regarding the Gulf Winter Weather System and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 25-13 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 25-13, 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 25-13 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 the Division's mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4. B. of Executive Order 25-13, the Division may suspend certain provisions of its own regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of the Division's business or orders or rules, 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, the Division may waive the forty-day time limit to issue a warrant pursuant to section 215.422(3)(a)-(b), Florida Statutes, regarding invoices and reimbursement requests arising from this emergency that were received, inspected, and approved by the Division prior to the expiration of Executive Order 25-13, including any extension thereof; 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 25-13 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 the Division's necessary action in coping with the emergency:

- 1) 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(l) (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 25-13, 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 the Division's response to this emergency.

Additionally, I designate the Deputy Director and the Chief of Staff 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 25-13.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive Order 25-13 expires.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 22 day of January,
2025, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Kevin J. Guthrie

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

Kelly Ann Kennedy
Division Clerk

Date: 1/22/25