

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES AND
RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER
NUMBER 24-214, RELATING TO TROPICAL
STORM MILTON

DEM ORDER NO 24-012

EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, regarding Tropical Storm Milton, declaring a state of emergency for Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor, Union, and Volusia counties; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 24-214 designated the Executive Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Division”) 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 24-214 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 24-214, 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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, sections 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, and any other relevant laws, find that strict compliance with section 18 of chapter 2023-326, Laws of Florida, to the limited extent as it relates to the mandatory deadlines imposed on the Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors and on Lee County, would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me in Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, and any other relevant laws, I hereby suspend the effect of the above-referenced statute only to the limited extent that the deadlines imposed on the Lee Memorial Health System Board of Directors and on Lee County, be tolled for a period of sixty (60) from the date of this order.

This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on December 8, 2024.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 9th day of October, 2024,
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: October 9, 2024