

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-104

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 22-218 – Hurricane Ian)

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-218, declaring a state of emergency for several counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Tropical Depression Nine; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-219, which amended Executive Order 22-218 to declare a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall off the coast of Fort Myers as a category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of approximately 150 miles per hour, traveled across the peninsula, and exited the state near Cape Canaveral on September 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the scope and scale of the destruction in Southwest Florida was immense and unprecedented, and Hurricane Ian stands as one of the most destructive storms in U.S. history; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 22-218, as subsequently extended by Executive Order 23-60, expires on May 16, 2023, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Executive Order 22-218 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The state of emergency and all provisions of Executive Order 22-218, as amended by Executive Order 22-219 and subsequently extended by Executive Order 23-60, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 22-218 and 22-219 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective immediately.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 15th day of May, 2023.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

IN RE: PARTIAL EXTENSION OF DBPR
EMERGENCY ORDERS EO 2022-03,
EO 2022-04, EO 2022-07,
EO 2022-08, EO 2023-01, and 2023-02

EMERGENCY ORDER 2023-03

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian made landfall on Florida’s western Gulf Coast as a major hurricane and caused significant damage across the State;

WHEREAS, Hurricane Ian and the damage it caused poses a significant threat to the entire State of Florida and, as such, requires timely precautions to protect the State’s communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in recognition of and in response to this emergency, issued Executive Order 2022-218 on September 23, 2022, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219 on September 24, 2022, by Executive Order 22-268 on November 21, 2022, by Executive Order 23-21 on January 19, 2023, by Executive Order 23-60 on March 17, 2023, and by Executive Order 23-104 on May 15, 2023, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws;

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, by Executive Order 22-268, by Executive Order 23-21, by Executive Order 23-60, and by Executive Order 23-104, authorized each state agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute, order, or rule if strict compliance with the provision would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MELANIE S. GRIFFIN, Secretary of Florida’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation (“Department”), pursuant to the authority granted to me by

Executive Order 2022-218, as amended by Executive Order 2022-219, by Executive Order 22-268, by Executive Order 23-21, by Executive Order 23-60, and by Executive Order 23-104, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Ian, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department. Pursuant to this authority, I previously executed DBPR Emergency Orders 2022-03, 2022-04, 2022-07, 2022-08, 2023-01, and 2023-02, which, in part, suspended and tolled various deadlines and geographical scope limitations, and waived fee provisions, to mitigate the burdens DBPR licensees and applicants faced from Hurricane Ian. The previous deadlines in the aforementioned orders are imminent, yet many applicants and licensees still face storm-related hardships, including the lack of internet service. Therefore, I order the following extensions of the Department's prior Emergency Orders, which were previously extended by the Department's prior Emergency Orders 2022-08, 2023-01, and 2023-02:

Department Emergency Order 2022-03

1. The entirety of Department Emergency Order 2022-03 is extended until July 14, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

Department Emergency Order 2022-04


2. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of Department Emergency Order 2022-04 are extended until July 14, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

Department Emergency Order 2022-07

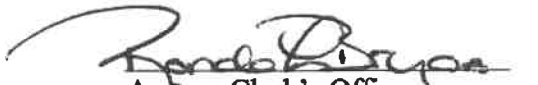
3. The entirety of Department Emergency Order 2022-07 is extended until July 14, 2023, unless extended by subsequent order.

Executed this 15 day of May 2023, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION


Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary
2601 Blair Stone Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Filed on this date, with
The designated Agency Clerk,
Receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.


Agency Clerk's Office
Date: May 15, 2023