

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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

DEM ORDER NO 24-015

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, that made landfall as major hurricane 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 (the “affected 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

WHEREAS, county officers in the affected counties are working tirelessly to provide critical support to the response and recovery efforts and to protect those affected by this catastrophic natural disaster; and

WHEREAS, section 218.36, Florida Statutes, requires all county officers who receive any expenses or compensation in fees, commissions, or other remuneration to make an annual report to their board of county commissioners, and pay into the county general fund all money in excess of the sum to which he or she is entitled to within thirty one days of the close of the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the annual reporting and disposition requirements set forth above could prevent, hinder, or delay action by some county officers in the affected counties necessary to cope with the emergency created by Hurricane Milton.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Executive Order 24-214, as amended by Executive Order 24-215, and sections 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, and any other relevant laws, find that strict compliance with section 218.36(1)-(3), Florida Statutes, would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in

coping with the emergency.

Accordingly, pursuant to the authority delegated to me by 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, I hereby suspend the deadlines set forth in section 218.36(1)-(2), Florida Statutes, to the extent necessary to allow each county officer in the affected counties to make an annual report and pay into the county general fund all money in excess of the sum to which he or she is entitled by November 30, 2024. This Order authorizes the waiver of the provisions set forth above for county officers in the affected counties only to the extent necessary to cope with the emergency. This Order does not waive subsections (3) or (4) of section 218.36, Florida Statutes. Accordingly, a county officer in the affected counties who complies with the reporting and payment requirements of section 218.36(1)-(2), Florida Statutes, by November 30, 2024, shall be deemed to be in compliance with section 218.36, Florida Statutes, and may not be the subject of a notification described in section 218.36(3), Florida Statutes, and is exempt from making any report required pursuant to section 116.03, Florida Statutes, in accordance with section 218.36(4), Florida Statutes.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in force for a period of sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 18th day of October, 2024,
in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Kevin Guthrie
State Coordinating Officer
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Filed on this date, with
the designated Division Clerk,
receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.



Division Clerk

Date: October 18, 2024