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**HURRICANE IDALIA
FDOT EMERGENCY ORDER 23-09
(Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 23-171, 23-172 and 23-175)**

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-171 regarding Invest 93L; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-172 amending Executive Order 23-171 by adding coastal and inland counties in Central and North Florida; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-175 amending Executive Order 23-172 by adding coastal and inland counties in Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2023, Hurricane Idalia made landfall along the coast of Florida's Big Bend near Keaton Beach as a category 3 hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the scope and scale of the destruction caused by Hurricane Idalia was immense; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is continuing to deploy resources to support the disaster response efforts related to Hurricane Idalia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JARED W. PERDUE, P.E., Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, hereby find that the Department of Transportation's timely performance of disaster response functions related to Hurricane Idalia continues to be hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 23-171, as amended by 23-172 and 23-175, I hereby:

1. Continue to waive and suspend the following rules and statutes: sections 316.515(1)-(3), 316.535(1) and (3), 316.545(2) and (4), 316.550(1), and 337.401(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rules 14-28.002(4) and (5), and 14-46.001(2), Florida Administrative Code, to the extent needed to allow the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and as needed to waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodation Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions to render assistance in restoring vital services, subject to the limitations expressed in Executive Orders 23-171, 23-172, and 23-175.
2. Continue to waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20), and (25), 287.15, 337.02(2), 337.107, 337.11, 339.08, and 339.135(6), Florida Statutes, and Rules 60A-1.002, 60A-1.017, 60A-1.021, 60A-1.043, and 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, as they relate to leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, the conditions of employment and the compensation of employees, or the use of State Transportation Trust Funds off the State Highway System, to the extent necessary to ensure the timely performance of the Department of Transportation's disaster response functions as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan or as directed by the State Coordinating Officer.

3. In accordance with section 1 of Executive Order 23-175, the waivers and suspensions of statute include the following counties: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia and Wakulla Counties.
4. All actions taken by the Florida Department of Transportation with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Emergency Order are hereby ratified.

This order shall expire on October 25, 2023, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 23-171, as amended by Executive Orders 23-172 and 23-175, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective this 26th day of September, 2023.

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Jared W. Perdue

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary
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