

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-212

(Emergency Management – Amending Executive Order 26-202 – Hurricane Isaias)

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-202, declaring a state of emergency for Baker, Bay, Calhoun, Columbia, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Walton, Wakulla, and Washington Counties due to the dangers presented by Tropical Depression Nine; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-211, amending Executive Order 26-202, to extend the state of emergency to two additional counties after Tropical Depression Nine strengthened into Tropical Storm Isaias; and

WHEREAS, on October 9, 2026, Tropical Storm Isaias strengthened into a Category 3 Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Isaias continues to bring the potential for increased risk of rapid-onset flash flooding, riverine flooding, and urban flooding, high winds, heavy rain, storm surge, and threat for tornadoes to portions of the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of Hurricane Isaias likely will cause additional pooling of standing water and localized flooding due to periods of heavy rainfall, posing an increased threat of mosquito related issues; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Florida, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to the State of Florida and its people by this emergency.

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. Section 1 of Executive Order 26-202 is amended to read as follows:

Because of the foregoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Baker, Bay, Calhoun, Citrus, Columbia, Dixie, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Okaloosa, Pasco, Pinellas, Santa Rosa, Suwannee, Taylor, Walton, Wakulla, and Washington Counties.

Section 2. As a result of the weather impacts of Hurricane Isaias on Florida's Gulf Coast, the Commissioner of Agriculture may exercise authorities under chapter 388, Florida Statutes, including those under section 388.45, Florida Statutes, and is further authorized to issue a mosquito declaration in counties referenced in this order and to order such ameliorative mosquito or other arthropod control measures as are necessary to prevent additional mosquito related issues.

Section 3. I find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some State, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to this emergency may require them to suspend or waive certain statutes, rules, ordinances and orders they administer. Therefore, I issue the following authorizations:

A. Pursuant to section 252.36(6)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may suspend all statutes and rules affecting budgeting to the extent necessary to provide budget authority for state agencies to cope with this emergency. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such suspension issued by the

Executive Office of the Governor. No such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

B. In order to facilitate and to efficiently coordinate emergency response activities among the various state agencies and local governments, the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services (FDACS) may:

1) Collect needed information from any and all government entities to support documentation and justification of relief to be sought from any agency of the United States Government.

2) Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all government entities as may be needed to meet this emergency.

3) Suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order under the jurisdiction of FDACS that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency. In accordance with section 252.3611(1), Florida Statutes, any such order, declaration, or other action shall specify each statute or rule being amended or waived, if applicable, and the expiration date for the order or action.

4) Enter orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers. No such order shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, including any extension thereof.

To support the efforts of the Commissioner of Agriculture, all agencies shall, to the extent authorized by law, support FDACS in effectuating this order.

Section 4. I find that the demands placed upon the funds appropriated to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services are unreasonably great and may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this disaster. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys

from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund so that the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services can effectuate the performance of ameliorative mosquito control measures and otherwise respond as necessary to address this emergency.

Section 5. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 26-202, as amended by Executive Order 26-211, is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 6. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 26-202, including any extensions thereto.



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 10th day of October, 2026.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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