

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-244

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 23-171 - Hurricane Idalia)

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, I issued Executive Order 23-171, declaring a state of emergency for several counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by Invest 93L, a broad area of low pressure off the west coast of Central America; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, I issued Executive Order 23-172, amending Executive Order 23-171 by adding coastal and inland counties in Central and North Florida to the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 29, 2023, I issued Executive Orders 23-174 and 23-175, amending Executive Order 23-171 by adding additional counties to the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, on August 30, 2023, Hurricane Idalia made landfall near Keaton Beach, Florida as a Category 3 Hurricane with sustained winds of approximately 125 miles per hour, and traveled across North Florida and into Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the affected areas are still recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Idalia's strong winds, storm surge, flooding, and heavy rainfall; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 23-171, as amended by Executive Orders 23-172, 23-174, 23-175, and 23-212, expires on December 23, 2023, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Executive Order 23-171 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 23-171, as amended by Executive Orders 23-172, 23-174, 23-175, and 23-212, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the expiration of Executive Order 23-212.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 23-171, 23-172, 23-174, 23-175, and 23-212 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective upon the expiration of Executive Order 23-212.



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 19th day of December, 2023.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

FILED
2023 DEC 19 PM 12:14
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL