

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 08-213 (Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Fay Extension)

I am issuing this Executive Order to extend for an additional 60 days a state of emergency to ensure the continuation of statewide activities (including, but not limited: operations of disaster recovery centers, community outreach programs and shelter operations) to recover from Tropical Storm Fay. Fay made landfall on the Florida Keys late in the afternoon of August 18 before veering into the Gulf of Mexico. It again made landfall near Naples in the early hours of August 19 and progressed northeast through the Florida peninsula, emerging into the Atlantic Ocean near Melbourne on August 20. Extensive flooding took place in parts of Florida as a result of its slow movement. On August 21, it re-entered near Daytona Beach, moving due west across the Panhandle, then again into the Gulf of Mexico and entering near Panama City. As it zigzagged from water to land, it became the first storm in recorded history to make landfall in Florida four times.

In the city of Melbourne, Fay shattered a 50-year-old rainfall record after receiving 11 inches of rain in a 24-hour period. About 80 neighborhoods in Melbourne were flooded. Areas in Brevard County received up to 25 inches of rain, causing serious flooding to hundreds of homes. Other counties, along the St. Johns River, the Econlockhatchee River and the Little Econlockhatchee River, were hit hard by flooding, as these waterways jumped their banks. On August 21, President Bush declared the entire state of Florida a Federal Disaster Area. To date, 19 counties have been approved to receive Individual Assistance and 39 counties have been

approved for Public Assistance. In Lee County, sheltering operations are ongoing, as 300 households remain displaced by Fay's flooding.

As Governor, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to this state and its people by this emergency. Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the State Emergency Management Act, and all other applicable laws, I promulgate the following Executive Order:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I find that the continuation of the activities (including, but not limited including to: operations of disaster recovery centers, community outreach programs and shelter operations) needed to recover from this disaster is of critical importance to the state and its residents.

Section 2. I extend Executive Order 08-170 for an additional sixty (60) days, commencing on October 15, 2008. To the extent necessary to meet this emergency, all Supplemental Orders issued by the State Coordinating Officer or his designees are extended for an additional sixty (60) days.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 15th day of October 2008.

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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

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SECRETARY OF STATE