

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 10-21 (Emergency Management – Freezing Temperatures)

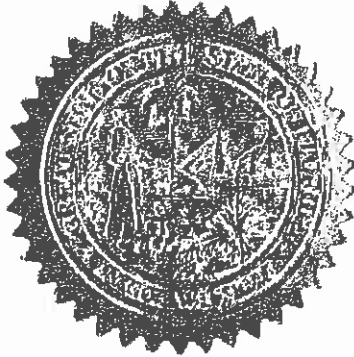
I am issuing this Executive Order to extend for an additional 7 days a state of emergency to ensure timely precautions are taken to protect Florida's agricultural crops and the general welfare of this state and to facilitate the timely recovery from this disaster.

From January 2, 2010, through January 14, 2010, the State experienced freezing temperatures that impacted areas as far south as Collier County and Miami-Dade County. On January 5, 2010, as a result of those circumstances, I executed Executive Order 10-01 declaring a state of emergency authorizing agencies of the State to take action providing relief to those affected by the emergency including the use of commercial vehicles in excess of the normal weight restrictions to transport shipments of harvested crops. On January 19, by Executive Order 10-07, I extended Executive Order 10-01 for an additional seven days to facilitate the most rapid recovery from the freeze. The freezing temperatures required that farmers suspend harvesting many crops including avocados, beans, cucumbers, eggplant, endive-escarole, lettuce, romaine, oranges, parsley, peppers, squash, strawberries, tangelos, tangerines and temples. Those farmers have a significant amount of crops that must be harvested immediately to avoid further losses. Upon the request of the Commissioner of Agriculture, on January 15, 2010 I requested a primary county disaster declaration from the United States Department of Agriculture for each of Florida's 67 counties.

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 (Chapter 252, Florida Statutes), and all other applicable laws, I issue the following Executive Order:

Section 1. Because of the foregoing conditions, I find that a continuation of the activities needed to harvest crops and transport them to appropriate sites without delay is of critical importance to the state's farming community and economy.

Section 2. I extend Executive Order 10-01, as extended by Executive Order 10-07, for 7 days commencing on January 26, 2010 through February 1, 2010.



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 25th day of January, 2010.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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