

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 12-240

(Emergency Management/Extension of Executive Order 12-199)

WHEREAS, the State of Florida continues to recover from the cumulative impact of Hurricane Isaac; and

WHEREAS, on August 25, 2012, Executive Order 12-199 was issued due to the threat of Hurricane Isaac; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 12-199 will expire on October 24, 2012, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, the following counties continue to recover from the effects of Hurricane Isaac: Bay, Broward, Collier, Escambia, Franklin, Gulf, Martin, Monroe, Okaloosa, Palm Beach, St. Lucie, and Santa Rosa Counties.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare that the effects of Hurricane Isaac continue to threaten the State of Florida and as a consequence of this danger a state of emergency exists in the above listed Florida counties. Therefore, I extend Executive Order 12-199 for 30 days, but only to the following extent:

A. I designate the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to activate the State's

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)–(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

1. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (sections 252.921-933, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as best to meet this emergency.

2. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

3. Direct all state, regional and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

4. Designate Deputy State Coordinating Officers.

5. Enter into such orders as may be needed to implement any or all of the foregoing powers.

B. I also find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon the Division of Emergency Management in responding to this emergency may require it to waive or deviate

from the statutes, rules, and orders it administers. I delegate to the Division of Emergency Management the authority to waive or deviate from such statutes, rules, or agency orders to the extent that such actions are needed to cope with this emergency, including, but not limited to, any and all statutes, rules, or orders that affect budgeting, purchasing, and travel.

Section 2. This Executive Order shall expire 30 days from this date, unless extended.



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 22nd day of October, 2012.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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