

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 23-211

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 22-253 – Hurricane Nicole)

**WHEREAS**, on November 7, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-253, declaring a state of emergency for thirty-four counties in Florida due to the dangers presented by then-Subtropical Storm Nicole; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 9, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-255, which amended Executive Order 22-253 by adding coastal and inland counties in Central and North Florida to the state of emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 10, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-256, which amended Executive Order 22-253 to declare a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on the morning of November 10, 2022, Hurricane Nicole made landfall near Vero Beach, Florida, as a category 1 Hurricane with sustained winds of approximately 75 miles per hour, traveled across the peninsula, and exited partially into the Gulf of Mexico before it made a second landfall as a Tropical Storm in the Florida Big Bend; and

**WHEREAS**, the affected areas, some of which were severely impacted by Hurricane Ian just weeks before, are still recovering from Hurricane Nicole's strong winds, storm surge, flooding, and heavy rainfall; and

**WHEREAS**, Executive Order 22-253, as subsequently extended by Executive Order 23-170, expires on October 24, 2023, unless extended; and

**WHEREAS**, an extension of Executive Order 22-253 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. Bay County is removed from the state of emergency declared in Executive Order 22-253, as amended by Executive Orders 22-255 and 22-256 and subsequently extended by Executive Order 23-170.

Section 2. Notwithstanding the above amendment, the state of emergency and all provisions of Executive Order 22-253, as amended by Executive Orders 22-255 and 22-256 and subsequently extended by Executive Order 23-170, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 22-253, 22-255, and 22-256 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive Order is effective immediately.



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 23rd day of October, 2023.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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