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TROPICAL STORM IAN EMERGENCY ORDER

(Pursuant to Executive Order No. 22-218 as amended by Executive Order No. 22-219)

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-218 regarding Tropical Depression Nine, which is now Tropical Storm Ian;

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2022, Executive Order 22-218 was amended by Executive Order No. 22-219; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center reported Tropical Storm Ian has maximum sustained winds of 45 miles per hour and is expected to intensify significantly over the weekend; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center predicts Tropical Storm Ian will approach Florida's Peninsula at or, near major hurricane strength and could affect South Florida and portions of the Florida Keys as early as Monday before making landfall on Florida's west coast; and

WHEREAS, there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Keys and much of Florida's Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Transportation is prepared to deploy resources to support the disaster response efforts related to the Storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JARED W. PERDUE, P.E., Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation, hereby find that the Department of Transportation's timely performance of

disaster response functions related to Tropical Storm Ian is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 4(B) and 4(E) of Executive Order 22-218, as amended by Executive Order 22-219, I hereby:

- 1. Waive and suspend the following rules and statutes: sections 316.515(1)-(3), 316.535(1) and (3), 316.545(2) and (4), 316.550(1), and 337.401(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rules 14-28.002(4) and (5), and 14-46.001(2), Florida Administrative Code, to the extent needed to allow the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, and as needed to waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodation Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions to render assistance in restoring vital services, subject to the limitations expressed in Executive Order 22-218.
- 2. Waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.011, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20) and (25), 287.15, 337.02(2), 337.107, 337.11, 339.08, and 339.135(6), Florida Statutes, and Rules 60A-1.002, 60A-1.017, 60A-1.021, 60A-1.043, 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, as they relate to, leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, the conditions of employment and the compensation of employees, or the use of State Transportation Trust Funds off the State Highway System, to the extent necessary to ensure the timely performance of the Department of Transportation's disaster response functions as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan or as directed by the State Coordinating Officer.

- 3. In accordance with Executive Order 22-218 as amended by Executive Order 22-219 the foregoing waivers and suspensions of statute apply to all counties in the state of Florida.
- 4. All actions taken by the Florida Department of Transportation with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Emergency Order are hereby ratified.

This order shall expire on the earlier of the expiration or rescission of Executive Orders 22-218 and 22-219 or October 24, 2022.

Effective this 24th day of September, 2022.

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary Florida Department of Transportation