
Emergency Order 082823

Pursuant to Executive Orders 23-171 and 23-172 (Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Idalia)

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-171, declaring a state of emergency in certain counties due to a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Big Bend and portions of Florida’s Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order 23-171, Governor Ron DeSantis granted the Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) authorization to take certain actions relative to various matters within the authority of DHSMV including, but not limited to, motor vehicles, vessels, driver licenses and identification cards; and

WHEREAS, on August 28, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-172, declaring that Invest 93L has strengthened into Tropical Storm Idalia and is forecast to be a major hurricane before making landfall along areas of the Florida Gulf Coast and portions of the Florida Panhandle; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 23-172 amended Executive Order 23-171 to include the following counties: Baker, Bradford, Clay, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Lake, Nassau, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Union, and Volusia.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dave Kerner, Executive Director of the Department, pursuant Executive Order 23-171 as amended by 23-172, I hereby find that:

1. In accordance with section 1 of Executive Order 23-172, all waivers and suspensions of statute contained in the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles’ previously issued

Emergency Order No. 082623 are hereby amended to include the following counties: Baker, Bradford, Clay, Collier, Duval, Flagler, Lake, Nassau, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Union, and Volusia Counties.

2. All actions taken by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Emergency Order are hereby ratified.
3. This Emergency Order takes effect immediately and shall expire at midnight on September 25, 2023, or on the expiration or rescission of this Emergency Order or Executive Order 23-171, or Executive Order 23-172, whichever is earlier.

Executed this 28th day of August 2023.

Jennifer Langston, Chief of Staff for: Dave Kerner
Dave Kerner, Executive Director