

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES  
AND RULES PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE  
ORDER NUMBER 23-03, RELATING TO  
ILLEGAL MIGRATION

DEM ORDER NO. 23-004

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-03 regarding illegal migration and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, Section 2 of Executive Order 23-03 designated the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in section 252.36(6)-(12), Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2. F. of Executive Order 23-03 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, Governor DeSantis authorized the State Coordinating Officer to suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to respond to this emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4. B. of Executive Order 23-03, each state agency may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the provisions of section 287.15, Florida Statutes, which pertains to the procurement of motor vehicles, watercraft, and aircraft,

would subject the Division to delay in taking action to facilitate the mitigation, response, and recovery necessary to respond to this emergency;

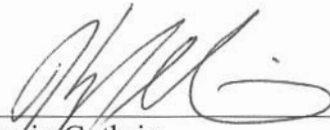
NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEVIN GUTHRIE, pursuant to Section 4 of Executive Order 23-03 and section 252.36(1)(a) and (6)(a), Florida Statutes, find that the Division's strict compliance with the following statute would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by the Division in coping with the emergency:

- I. Section 287.15, Florida Statutes, as it relates to the mandatory pre-approval of the Department of Management Services prior to the purchase of any motor vehicle, watercraft, or aircraft.

Accordingly, for the duration of Executive Order 23-03, including any extensions thereof, and pursuant to the authority delegated to me thereby, I hereby suspend the effect of the above-referenced statute only as it pertains to the Division and only for the limited purpose of facilitating the Division's response to this emergency.

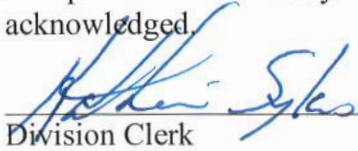
This Order is effective immediately and shall expire on the same date that Executive Order 23-03 expires, to include any extensions thereto.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2023,  
in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



Kevin Guthrie  
State Coordinating Officer  
Florida Division of Emergency Management  
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Filed on this date, with  
the designated Division Clerk,  
receipt of which is hereby  
acknowledged.

  
Division Clerk

Date: 4/13/2023