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**HURRICANE MILTON
FDOT EMERGENCY ORDER 24-17
(Amending FDOT Emergency Orders 24-12, 24-13, 24-14 and 24-16)
(Pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 24-214 and 24-215)**

WHEREAS, on October 5, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-214, declaring a state of emergency for thirty-five counties across the State of Florida due to the dangers presented by Tropical Storm Milton, which later developed into Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 24-215, expanding the state of emergency across the State of Florida to include an additional fifteen counties; and

WHEREAS, on October 6, 2024, the Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) issued its Emergency Order No. 24-12 to deploy resources and support disaster response efforts related to Hurricane Milton; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, FDOT issued its Emergency Order No. 24-13, amending Emergency Order No. 24-12 to include the additional fifteen counties in the emergency and to suspend tolls on specified facilities to provide for emergency assistance and facilitate emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 7, 2024, FDOT issued its Emergency Order No. 24-14, amending Emergency Order Nos. 24-12 and 24-13, to suspend tolls on an additional facility in the state of Florida to provide for emergency assistance and facilitate emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2024, FDOT issued its Emergency Order No. 24-16, amending Emergency Order Nos. 24-12, 24-13 and 24-14, to continue toll suspensions on specified facilities in the state of Florida to continue to provide for emergency assistance and facilitate emergency evacuations; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to FDOT's Emergency Order Nos. 24-12, 24-13, 24-14 and 24-16 is necessary so that the Department may continue to support the disaster response efforts in the counties impacted by the state of emergency.

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 Hurricane Milton continues to be hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 24-214 as amended by Executive Order No. 24-215, I hereby:

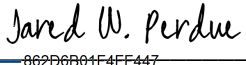
1. Waive and suspend the following rules and statutes: sections 316.515(1)-(3), 316.535(1) and (3), 316.545(2) and (4), 316.550(1), and 337.401(1)(a), Florida Statutes, and Rules 14-28.002(4) and (5), and 14-46.001(2), Florida Administrative Code, to the extent needed to allow the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes, 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 No. 24-214 as amended by Executive Order No. 24-215.

2. Waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20) and (25), 287.0823, 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, and 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. The foregoing waivers and suspensions of statute are limited to Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Brevard, Broward, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Gilchrist, Glades, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Indian River, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Levy, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Martin, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Nassau, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, St. Lucie, Sumter, Suwanee, Taylor, Union and Volusia counties.
4. Except as amended herein, FDOT's Emergency Order Nos. 24-12, 24-13, 24-14 and 24-16 are ratified and reaffirmed.
5. 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 December 4, 2024, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order No. 24-214 as amended by Executive Order No. 24-215, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective Date: October 21, 2024.

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary
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