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**GULF WINTER WEATHER SYSTEM  
FDOT EMERGENCY ORDER No. 25-02  
(Pursuant to Executive Order 25-13)**

**WHEREAS**, an area of low pressure moving across the Gulf of America, interacting with Arctic air, will bring widespread impactful winter weather to North Florida beginning Tuesday, January 21, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Winter Storm Warnings have been issued for the western Florida Panhandle, with additional extensions eastward along the I-10 corridor; and

**WHEREAS**, all modes of hazardous winter weather will be likely, including snow, sleet, and freezing rain; and

**WHEREAS**, snowfall totals of one to three inches are forecast for the Florida Panhandle, with locally higher amounts upwards of three to four inches possible for locations that experience periods of heavy snowfall rates; and

**WHEREAS**, ice accretions from the eastern Florida Panhandle through the Suwannee River Valley are forecast to reach one-tenth (0.1) to one-quarter (0.25) inch, and isolated higher ice accretions cannot be ruled out for interior North Florida locations; and

**WHEREAS**, ice accumulation from freezing rain is the most impactful winter hazard, and significant impacts to roadways, bridges, trees, and powerlines are possible; and

**WHEREAS**, hazardous driving conditions will exist Tuesday afternoon into Wednesday, especially over bridges, overpasses, and elevated surfaces, leading to possible roadway and bridge closures across North Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, dangerously cold wind chills and prolonged freezing and sub-freezing temperatures are expected for North and North-Central Florida for the next several days; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by this winter weather system requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 20, 2025, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 25-13 regarding the severe weather event; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Transportation is prepared to deploy resources to support the response efforts related to the emergency caused by the impacts of the severe weather.

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 the severe weather event is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 4(B) and (E) of Executive Order 25-13, I hereby:

1. Waive and suspend sections 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, and 60A-1.045, Florida Administrative Code, as they relate to contracting and purchasing, 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

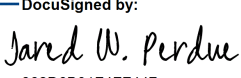
prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan or as directed by the State Coordinating Officer.

2. 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 25-13.

3. 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 March 21, 2025, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 25-13, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025.

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary  
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