

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 22-255

(Amending Executive Order 22-253, Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Nicole)

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2022, I issued Executive Order 22-253 and declared a state of emergency exists for thirty-four counties in Florida’s Peninsula due to then-Subtropical Storm Nicole; and

WHEREAS, as of 10:00 AM EST on November 9, 2022, Nicole had strengthened into a tropical storm and was approximately 210 miles east of West Palm Beach, Florida, moving west with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Nicole is forecast to be a hurricane before making landfall along Florida’s East Coast tonight; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing wind and flood threat to coastal and inland counties in Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has determined there is a continuing risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and isolated tornadic activity for much of Florida’s Peninsula and portions of the Florida Big Bend; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by Tropical Storm Nicole requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to Florida and its people by this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Section 1 of Executive Order 22-253 is amended to include the following counties in the state of emergency: Alachua, Bradford, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hernando, Jefferson, Levy, Marion, Pinellas, Taylor, and Wakulla.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 22-253 is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Order is effective immediately.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, this 9th day of November, 2022.


GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
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