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INVEST 93L (TROPICAL DEPRESSION TEN)
FDOT EMERGENCY ORDER 23-06
(Pursuant to Executive Order No. 23-171)

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 23-171 regarding Invest 93L; and

WHEREAS, as of 8:00 AM EDT on August 26, 2023, the National Hurricane Center reported that a broad area of low pressure, which originated off the west coast of Central America, is projected to gradually develop into an organized storm as it moves northward over the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center predicts Invest 93L will intensify into a tropical depression over the weekend and continue to strengthen as it moves northward into the eastern Gulf of Mexico, and could affect portions of Florida's Gulf Coast, as well as previously impacted areas still recovering from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, as early as Tuesday, August 29; and

WHEREAS, there is 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, the Florida Department of Transportation is prepared to deploy resources to support the disaster response efforts related to Invest 93L (Tropical Depression Ten).

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

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disaster response functions related to Invest 93L (Tropical Depression Ten) is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Sections 4(B) and 4(E) of Executive Order 23-171, 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 23-171.
2. Waive and suspend sections 112.061, 216.292, 216.313, 287.055, 287.056, 287.057(1)-(10), (12), (17), (20) and (25), 287.15, 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

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

3. In accordance with section 1 of Executive Order 23-171, the foregoing waivers and suspensions of statute are limited to Alachua, Bay, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, and Wakulla Counties.
4. 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 September 26, 2023, the expiration or rescission of Executive Order 23-171, or my further order, whichever is earlier.

Effective Date: 08/27/2023 | 10:36 AM EDT

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Jared W. Perdue, P.E., Secretary
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