

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
HURRICANE HELENE

DBPR EO 2024-10

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EMERGENCY ORDER

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-208, declaring a state of emergency for the state to prepare for and respond to the impact of Potential Tropical Cyclone 9, which became a named storm, Hurricane Helene, on September 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2024, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-209, thereby amending, ratifying, and reaffirming Executive Order 24-208, to declare a state of emergency in the following 61 Counties: Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, DeSoto, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Glades, Gulf, Hamilton, Hardee, Hendry, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Monroe, Nassau, Okaloosa, Okeechobee, Orange, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, 64 of Florida’s 67 Counties were under a watch or warning related to Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2024, Hurricane Helene made landfall on Florida’s Gulf Coast as a major hurricane and caused significant damage across the state, including significant flood and water damage to residential and commercial properties; and

WHEREAS, many of the residential and commercial properties that incurred hurricane related water damage will need to have water damaged personal property and water damaged building materials removed (hereinafter referred to as “water damaged materials”); and

WHEREAS, many of the residential and commercial properties that incurred hurricane related water damage were exposed to, and may continue to be exposed to, conditions that are conducive to the growth of mold on water damaged materials; and

WHEREAS, any requirement that a business or person be licensed as a mold remediator under Chapter 468, Florida Statutes, to solely remove water damaged materials from hurricane related water damaged properties will prevent, hinder, or delay the State’s response to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, Section 4.B. of Executive Order 24-208 provides each state agency authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of the 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, the Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s timely execution of disaster mitigation, response, and recovery functions of the State’s emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Helene, would be hindered by the application of certain provisions imposed by statute, order, or rule; and

WHEREAS, the Department filed Amended Emergency Order 2024-08 on September 29, 2024, which in part suspended and tolled various deadlines and geographic scope limitations, and waived fee provisions, and filed Emergency Order 2024-09 on October 3, 2024, which suspended specific license requirements for public lodging establishments to mitigate the burdens associated with Hurricane Helene. Amended Emergency Order 2024-08 and Emergency Order 2024-09 shall remain in effect.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary of Florida’s Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted to me by Executive Order 24-208, as amended by Executive Order 24-209 and Executive Order 24-213, find that timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State’s emergency management plan, as it relates to Hurricane Helene, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department, and order the following:

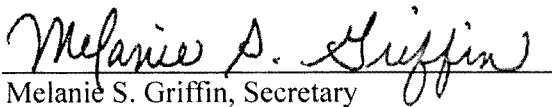
1. Water Damaged Materials: The provisions of Part XVI of Chapter 468, Florida Statutes, including sections 468.8419 and 468.842, Florida Statutes, are suspended to the extent that a business or person engaging in mold remediation while removing water damaged materials from hurricane related water damaged properties shall not be required to be licensed as a mold remediator under Chapter 468, Florida Statutes, so long as they are not holding themselves out for hire to the public as mold remediators or otherwise engaging in mold remediation, during the pendency of this Emergency Order.

2. Drugs, Devices, and Cosmetics: The change of location fee of \$100.00 when an onsite inspection is required, and \$25.00 when an onsite inspection is not required, pursuant to rule 61N-1.018(4)(f), Florida Administrative Code, is waived during the pendency of this Emergency Order.

This Emergency Order shall be effective during the timeframe beginning upon the execution of the Emergency Order and shall expire on November 22, 2024, or upon rescission of Executive Order 24-208, as modified or extended, or upon earlier order by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation.

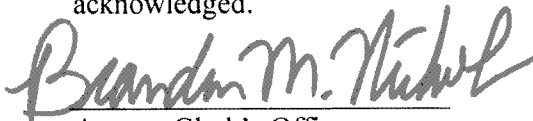
DONE AND ORDERED in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 11th day of October 2024.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION



Melanie S. Griffin, Secretary
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Filed on this date, with
The designated Agency Clerk,
Receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.



Agency Clerk's Office

Date: 10-11-2024