

**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

IN RE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
HURRICANE HELENE

DBPR EO 2025-03

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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 wind, flood, and water damage to residential and commercial properties; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 21, 2024 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 24-249 extending Executive Order 24-208 for an additional 60 days; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 17, 2025 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 25-10 extending Executive Order 24-208 for an additional 60 days; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2025 the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order 25-57 extending Executive Order 24-208 for an additional 60 days; 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 of Business and Professional Regulation filed Emergency Order 2024-12 on October 31, 2024, which suspended and tolled various geographic scope limitations, waived fee provisions, suspended specific license requirements relating to mold remediation for water damaged property, and suspended specific license requirements for public lodging establishments to mitigate the burdens associated with Hurricane Helene. Emergency Order 2024-12 was extended for 60 days by Emergency Order 2024-13 and for an additional 60 days by Emergency Order 2025-01. Department Emergency Order 2024-12 can be viewed on the Department’s website at <https://www2.myfloridalicense.com/os/documents/DBPR-EO-2024-12.pdf>.

**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 extended by Executive Order 24-249, Executive Order 25-10, and Executive Order 25-57 find that the 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:

**Department Emergency Order 2025-03**

1. Paragraphs 1-5 and 14-15 of Department Emergency Order 2024-12 are extended through May 16, 2025.
2. This entire Order retroactively applies from March 17, 2025, onward.

This Emergency Order shall be in effect beginning March 17, 2025, and shall expire on May 16, 2025, 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 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS  
AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

*Melanie S. Griffin*

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

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