

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES,
RULES, AND ORDERS, PURSUANT
TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER
20-52, MADE NECESSARY BY THE
COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH
EMERGENCY

DEM ORDER NO. 20-001

EMERGENCY ORDER

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-52, I hereby find that the Division of Emergency Management's ("Division") timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes prescribing the procedures for the conduct of state business as well as by certain orders and rules of this agency.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 2 of Executive Order No. 20-52, I hereby suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by the Division in coping with this emergency. By its express terms, this Order suspends any statute, rule, or order if: (1) strict compliance with the statute, rule, or order (as unsuspended) would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action undertaken by the Division; and, (2) such action is necessary to cope with this emergency.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 20-52, I hereby issue the following authorizations:

I. Suspend any statute, rule, or order, as needed to procure any and all necessary supplies, commodities, services, temporary premises, and other resources to the extent necessary to ensure the timely performance of the Division of Emergency Management's disaster response functions as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Management Plan or as directed by the Director, the State Coordinating Officer.

II. Suspend the requirement to comply with section 112.061(16)(b), Florida Statutes, that requires use of the Statewide Travel Management System for persons deployed by the Division during the duration of this State of Emergency.

III. Suspend the requirement to comply with section 215.422(1), Florida Statutes, to comply with the five (5) day inspection and approval requirement for invoices submitted to the Division prior to and after the issuance of Executive Order No. 20-52.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business", and because Executive Order No. 20-52 designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order.

The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52.

By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 10th day of March, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Jared Moskowitz
State Coordinating Officer
Florida Division of Emergency Management
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Filed on this date, with
the designated Division Clerk,
receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.

Stephan Tuomey
Division Clerk

Date: 3/10/20