STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-224

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 24-208 – Hurricane Helene)

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-208, declaring a state of emergency for forty-one counties across the State of Florida due to coastal flooding, erosion, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, and severe storm surge caused by Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-209, extending the state of emergency to sixty-one counties across the State of Florida due to the dangers presented by Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine; and

WHEREAS, on October 3, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-213, which amended Executive Order 24-208 to reclassify Potential Tropical Cyclone Nine as Hurricane Helene and to address disruptions in commerce caused by the International Longshoremen's Association strike, which have since been resolved; and

WHEREAS, the affected areas are still recovering from the damage caused by Hurricane Helene; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 24-208, as amended and subsequently extended by Executive Order 26-185, expires on October 27, 2026, unless further extended; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Executive Order 24-208 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida.

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. The state of emergency and all provisions of Executive Order 24-208, as amended, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 2. This Executive Order will not extend the amendments and accommodations made by Executive Order 24-213, which are now moot.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 24-208 and 24-209 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive 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 27th day of October 2026.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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