

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 24-158

(Emergency Management – Amending Executive Order 24-156 – Hurricane Debby)

WHEREAS, on August 1, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-156, declaring a state of emergency for fifty-four counties across the State of Florida due to the dangers presented by Invest 97L; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2024, I issued Executive Order 24-157, amending Executive Order 24-156 and declaring a state of emergency for seven additional counties; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2024, Invest 97L strengthened into Hurricane Debby, and brought heavy rainfall for southwest Florida and several feet of storm surge to the Florida Gulf Coast pre-landfall; and

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2024, Hurricane Debby made landfall near Steinhatchee, Florida, causing severe flooding and widespread power outages across North Florida and the Florida Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to Executive Order 24-156 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this disaster require the continued support of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Florida, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to the State of Florida and its people by this emergency.

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. Section 1 of Executive Order 24-156 is amended to read as follows:

Because of the foregoing conditions, which are projected to constitute a major disaster, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Collier, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Lee, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Manatee, Marion, Nassau, Pasco, Pinellas, Putnam, Sarasota, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, and Wakulla counties.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 24-156 is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 24-156.



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 7th day of August, 2024.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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