

STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 18-01
(Emergency Management / Elections – Hurricane Michael)

WHEREAS, on October 7th, Governor Scott issued Executive Order 18-276, declaring a state of emergency in 26 counties due to the severe threat posed by then-Tropical Storm Michael, and on October 8th expanded that order to a total of 35 counties in Executive Order 18-277;

WHEREAS, on October 10, Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach as a high-end Category 4, traveled across North Florida, and exited the state as a Category 3 hurricane;

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2018, Governor Scott issued Executive Order 18-283, waiving certain requirements for supervisors of elections in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Jackson, Liberty, and Washington counties (“Affected Counties”) in conducting the upcoming 2018 General Election scheduled for November 6, 2018;

WHEREAS, the effects of Hurricane Michael were widespread but had a particular impact – continuing to this day – on the Affected Counties;

WHEREAS, campaign finance and state campaign matching fund deadlines may have been, or will be, missed because of Hurricane Michael’s effects;

THEREFORE, I, Ken Detzner, as Secretary of State of Florida, by the authority vested in me by Executive Order Number 18-276, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Emergency Order, to take effect immediately:

Section 1. Hurricane Michael has affected the ability of candidates, political committees, and electioneering communications organizations to file campaign finance reports and/or requests for matching funds with their respective filing officer.

Section 2. The following deadlines are extended:

a. The October 12, 2018, campaign finance report deadline is extended in all counties except the Affected Counties until October 25, 2018. Fines for late-filed reports must not be assessed by the filing officer unless the new deadline is missed.

b. The October 12 – November 1, 2018, campaign finance report deadlines are extended for candidates, political committees, and electioneering communications organizations in the Affected Counties, until November 2, 2018. Each required report must be separately filed by the new deadline, not merely one report covering the overall time period. Fines for late-filed reports must not be assessed by the filing officer unless the new deadline is missed.

c. The October 12, 2018, noon deadline in Rule 1S-2.047(3)(c)1. and 4., Florida Administrative Code, is extended for all candidates participating in the state matching funds program, until October 17, 2018.

Section 3. Filing officers must take reasonable measures to notify their candidates, political committees, and electioneering communications organizations of this order.

Thursday, October 25, 2018.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, at Tallahassee, the Capitol, this 25th day of October 2018.

Handwritten signature of Ken Detzner in black ink.

KEN DETZNER, SECRETARY OF STATE
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