

**STATE OF FLORIDA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
EMERGENCY ORDER NUMBER 22-01
(Emergency Management/Elections – Hurricane Ian)**

WHEREAS, on September 23, 2022, Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-218 regarding Tropical Depression Nine and declared a state of emergency in 24 counties; and

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2022, Tropical Depression Nine strengthened into Tropical Storm Ian, and Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 22-219 reaffirming his previous order and declaring a state-wide emergency; and

WHEREAS, on September 26, 2022, Tropical Storm Ian strengthened into Hurricane Ian with maximum sustained winds of 85 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, on September 27, 2022, Hurricane Ian continued to strengthen, increasing its maximum sustained winds to 125 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, Hurricane Ian made landfall off the coast of Fort Myers as a category 4 hurricane with sustained winds of approximately 150 miles per hour, traveled across the peninsula, and exited the state from Cape Canaveral on September 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, because Hurricane Ian inflicted catastrophic storm surge and wind damage along its path, a major disaster has been declared in affected areas of the State; and

WHEREAS, numerous county Supervisors of Elections have experienced office closures, and utility and telecommunication disruptions have occurred across the state; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Executive Order 22-218, as amended by Executive Order 22-219, allows state agencies to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute, order, or rule, if strict compliance with the provisions of the statute, order, or rule would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the devastation and destruction of Hurricane Ian has affected the ability of candidates, including those participating in matching funds, political committees, and electioneering communication organizations to file timely campaign finance reports without jeopardizing ongoing efforts to cope with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, compliance with upcoming campaign finance and state campaign matching fund deadlines will unnecessarily detract from response and recovery activities in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Ian.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORD BYRD, as Florida Secretary of State, by the authority vested in me by Executive Order 22-218, as amended by Executive Order 22-219, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Emergency Order, to take effect immediately:

Section 1. The filing deadline for campaign finance reports contained in Sections 106.07(1) and 106.0703(1), Florida Statutes, is suspended until Friday, October 7, 2022. Accordingly, any reports that would otherwise be due on September 30, 2022, shall be filed no later than October 7, 2022.

Section 2. This order shall remain in effect as stated above or until modified by order of the Florida Secretary of State.

Executed this 30th day of September 2022, in Florida Department of State, Office of the Secretary, Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.




Cord Byrd
Florida Secretary of State

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