STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 26-228

(Emergency Management – Amending Executive Order 26-227 – 2026 Fall Flooding)

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2026, I issued Executive Order 26-227, declaring a state of emergency for Brevard, DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Indian River, Martin, and St. Lucie Counties due to a broad area of low pressure producing widespread heavy rainfall across portions of Florida with several occurrences of consequential flooding; and

WHEREAS, certain areas of Palm Beach County, including the City of Riviera Beach, witnessed record breaking, severe, and heavy rainfall of over 19 inches within a twelve-hour period; and

WHEREAS, forecasts from the National Weather Service indicate that the St. Johns River will experience minor to moderate flooding which could last several weeks; and

WHEREAS, the emergency situation caused by heavy rainfall continues to pose a significant threat to the safety, security, and well-being of Floridians in portions 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 26-227 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 Brevard, DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Indian River, Lake, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, Seminole, St. Lucie, and Volusia Counties.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 26-227 is ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall expire upon the expiration of Executive Order 26-227.

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 4th day of November, 2026.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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