

PROCLAMATION

STATE OF FLORIDA

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
TALLAHASSEE

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA SENATE
AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution permits the Governor to convene the Legislature in Special Session during which only such legislative business may be transacted as is within the purview of this Proclamation, or of a communication from the Governor, or as is introduced by consent of two-thirds of the membership of each house of the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Article III, Section 3 of the Florida Constitution limits the duration of a Special Session to twenty (20) consecutive days; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida is experiencing a wide range of issues that require immediate attention; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's open border policies under Joe Biden have caused an unprecedented increase of illegal immigration into the United States, including Florida, which has resulted in massive costs and other adverse impacts to the American people; and

WHEREAS, the federal government's policies demonstrate a brazen disregard for the rule of law and pose a threat to public safety; and

WHEREAS, on November 5, 2024, the American people elected Donald J. Trump as the 47th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, President-Elect Trump will be inaugurated on January 20, 2025, and has conveyed plans to immediately address the Biden border crisis; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida will play an important role in supporting the Trump administration and must be fully prepared with sufficient resources; and

WHEREAS, the Florida condominium market continues to face challenges including soaring costs related to assessments, repairs, and inspections; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Legislature to address these challenges to ensure that Florida residents can continue to afford to live in their homes; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, Florida experienced significant natural disasters causing wide-spread disruption to the agricultural industry; and

WHEREAS, these disruptions have revealed several needs within the agricultural industry and the communities highly affected by the agricultural industry that necessitates immediate Legislative action; and

WHEREAS, the integrity of the election process is of critical importance; and

WHEREAS, the Department of State has identified several instances of fraud in the citizen initiative petition process the past election cycle; and

WHEREAS, both in-state and out-of-state organizations exploited loopholes in the citizen initiative petition process; and

WHEREAS, the loopholes need to be immediately closed and the citizens' initiative petition process needs to be strengthened to ensure the integrity of our election process.

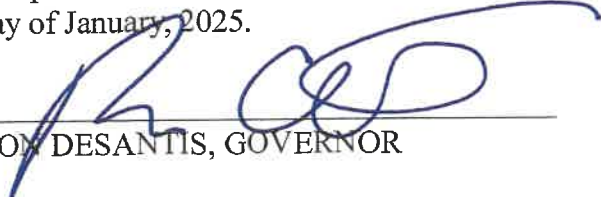
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, Governor of the State of Florida, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Article III, Section 3(c)(1) of the Florida Constitution, do hereby proclaim as follows:

Section 1: The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session commencing at 9:00 a.m., Monday, January 27, and extending no later than 11:59 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2025.

Section 2: The Legislature of the State of Florida is convened in Special Session for the sole and exclusive purpose of considering legislation and appropriations relating to (a) combatting illegal immigration, (b) condominium regulation, (c) agricultural relief in response to natural disasters, (d) replenishing the My Safe Florida Home program, and (e) citizens' initiative petition process.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed to this Proclamation convening the Legislature in Special Session at the Capitol, this 13th day of January, 2025.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST: 

SECRETARY OF STATE

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