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Governor Scott Declares a State of Emergency in Florida in Preparation for Tropical Depression Nine

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott issued Executive Order 16-205 declaring a state of emergency in 42 counties within the state of Florida in preparation for Tropical Depression Nine. To view Executive Order 16-205, click [HERE](#).

Governor Scott said, “Last night, hurricane and tropical storm watches were issued along Florida’s Gulf Coast from Pasco County to Gulf County. We also learned that the National Hurricane Center expects Tropical Depression Nine to become a Tropical Storm sometime today. It is crucial that every Floridian has a plan in place to ensure their families, homes and businesses are fully prepared. Floridians can make their own plan at FLGetaPlan.com. I have been closely monitoring this storm’s development and our emergency management officials have been working hard to make sure we are ready to respond to any potential impacts. By declaring a state of emergency in advance of this storm, we are ensuring that state, regional and local agencies can work together to meet the needs of our communities. We will continue to do all we can to keep our families and visitors safe and informed as this storm approaches our state.”

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