



The Florida House of Representatives

Office of the Speaker

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Florida House of Representatives
From: Paul Renner, Speaker
Date: October 20, 2023
Re: 2023 Special Session C

In coordination with the Governor's Office and the Florida Senate, we have identified several issues that warrant our attention in advance of the 2024 Regular Session. As such, President Passidomo and I plan to convene the Legislature in Special Session, beginning on Monday, November 6 and ending on Thursday, November 9. General information regarding the anticipated special session is outlined below. Please plan to begin work in Tallahassee on Monday morning.

Special Session Issues:

Hurricane Relief – Provide additional resources to assist Floridians recovering from the impacts of Hurricane Idalia, including support for our agriculture industry and debris removal.

Increased Resiliency Efforts to Help Lessen Insurance Costs – Dedicate resources to address the existing backlog of applicants intending to access the successful My Safe Florida Home Program for homeowners looking to fortify their homes which are proven steps to lower insurance premiums.

Additional Funding for Students with Unique Abilities – Provide a mechanism to increase the number of students served under the Family Empowerment Scholarship for students with disabilities.

Support for Israel – Formally express support for the State of Israel to exist as a sovereign and independent nation, with the right to defend itself and protect its citizens from indiscriminate violence and terrorism, condemn the attack on Israel by Hamas, and ask for additional sanctions against terrorist regimes.

Expanded Sanctions Against Terrorist Regimes – Impose additional sanctions, ending any financial support, whether directly or indirectly, to the Islamic Republic of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah, or any other entity that supports terrorism across the globe.

Additional Security Infrastructure to Guard Against Anti-Semitic Violence, Hate Crimes – Provide at-risk institutions, such as vulnerable Jewish Day Schools, with additional security resources and infrastructure to keep our citizens safe.

Thank you for your attention to these important issues. I look forward to seeing you back in Tallahassee soon.