

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-43 (Amended Emergency Order for Zika Virus)

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern related to the Zika virus on February 1, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 3, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-29 ordering the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency and directing the State Health Officer to use her judgment as to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 23, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-149 expanding the State's response by declaring a state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 19, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-193 extending the declaration of a state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 18, 2016 I issued Executive Order 16-233 extending the declaration of the state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2016 I issued Executive Order 16-288 extending the declaration of the state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

**WHEREAS**, no state of emergency declared pursuant to the Florida Emergency Management Act may continue for more than 60 days unless renewed by the Governor; and

**WHEREAS**, the Zika virus poses a continuing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Florida and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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 Public Health Act, the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The state of emergency declared in Executive Order 16-149 and extended by Executive Order 16-193, Executive Order 16-233, and Executive Order 16-288 will be extended for 60 days following the issuance of this order.

Section 2. All actions taken by the State Health Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, and she is directed to continue to use her discretion relating to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency and the responses authorized by the Public Health Act.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 16-29, 16-149, 16-193, 16-233, and 16-288 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive Order will expire 60 days from this date unless extended within that time except for Section 2 and emergency responses authorized by the Public Health Act, which shall continue at the discretion of the State Health Officer.



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 10th day of February, 2017.

  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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