

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-226

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 18-276)

**WHEREAS**, on October 10, 2018, Hurricane Michael made landfall near Mexico Beach, Florida, as a Category 5 Hurricane, ranking by pressure as the third-most intense Atlantic hurricane to ever make landfall in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 7-8, 2018, I declared a state of emergency for thirty-five counties throughout Northwest Florida due to the forecasted strength and projected path of Hurricane Michael; and

**WHEREAS**, I, as Governor of the State of Florida, am committed to providing every available resource for our residents, businesses and communities in Northwest Florida to recover and rebuild; 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 following counties are still recovering and rebuilding following the damage caused by Hurricane Michael: Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Wakulla, Walton, and Washington.

**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. The state of emergency declared in Executive Order 18-276, amended by Executive Order 18-277, and extended by Executive Order 18-360, 19-33, 19-98, 19-134, 19-176, 19-

207, 19-261, 20-23, 20-81, 20-130, 20-171 will be extended for 60 days following the issuance of this order.

Section 2. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, and he is directed to continue to execute the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 18-276, 18-277, 18-360, 19-33, 19-98, 19-134, 19-176, 19-207, 19-261, 19-262, 20-23, 20-81, 20-130 and 20-171 are ratified and reaffirmed.



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 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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