



City of Pensacola

City Council Special Meeting

Agenda - Final

Monday, September 21, 2020, 3:25 PM

Council Chambers, 1st Floor

EMERGENCY MEETING•Members of the public may attend/participate only via live stream or phone cityofpensacola.com/428/Live-Meeting-Video or facebook.com/PensacolaMayor •Citizens may submit an online form here www.cityofpensacola.com/ccinput **BEGINNING AT 1P**

ROLL CALL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ITEMS

1. [20-00593](#) EXTENSION OF MAYORAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE SALLY

Recommendation: That City Council approve the Mayor's request for an extension of the Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Sally until the Council meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020.

Sponsors: Grover C. Robinson, IV

Attachments: [City of Pensacola State of Emergency 20-04](#)
[Escambia County Resolution 2020-124](#)
[Executive Order 20-224](#)

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at such meeting, he will need a record of the proceedings, and that for such purpose he may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00593

City Council

9/21/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

EXTENSION OF MAYORAL DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR HURRICANE SALLY

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve the Mayor's request for an extension of the Declaration of Emergency for Hurricane Sally until the Council meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On September 14, 2020, Mayor Grover C. Robinson, IV, declared a state of emergency as a result and consequence of the threat to the public health, safety, welfare, and property, both public and private, in the City of Pensacola from Tropical Storm Sally. Within a couple of hours of that declaration, the storm became Hurricane Sally. Escambia County declared a state of emergency for Hurricane Sally later on September 14, and the State of Florida declared a state of emergency for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties in the evening of September 14, 2020. Because there was no county or state declaration of emergency at the time the City declared an emergency, pursuant to section 252.38, F.S., the City's state of emergency is scheduled to expire in seven (7) days, September 21, 2020.

Pursuant to section 2-4-8, the Mayor's exercise of authority may be extended for a period of thirty (30) days following the declaration of a state of emergency unless extended or shortened by the action of the city council. Considering the extensive damage caused by Hurricane Sally and in order to continue responding to emergency issues, staff recommends that these emergency powers be extended until the Council meeting scheduled for October 22, 2020.

PRIOR ACTION:

September 14, 2020 - the Mayor declared a state of emergency for the City effective at 11:00 a.m. due to Tropical Storm Sally

September 14, 2020 - Tropical Storm Sally strengthened into a Category One hurricane and Escambia County declared a state of emergency effective 1:00 p.m.

September 14, 2020 - about 6:00 p.m., Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-224, declaring a state of emergency for Escambia and Santa Rosa counties

September 15, 2020 - Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-225, amending EO 20-224 and adding additional counties in the Florida panhandle to the state of emergency

September 16, 2020 - Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores, Alabama as a Category Two hurricane

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

9/17/2020

STAFF CONTACT:

Keith Wilkins, City Administrator

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) City of Pensacola State of Emergency 20-04
- 2) Escambia County Resolution 2020-124
- 3) Executive Order 20-224

PRESENTATION: No



GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV
Mayor

CITY OF PENSACOLA

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY 20-04

WHEREAS, section 2-4-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola authorizes the Mayor to take such emergency measures as he determines necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally currently is located in the Gulf of Mexico about 130 miles south of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally is anticipated to strengthen to a hurricane later today (September 14, 2020) before making landfall likely near the Louisiana-Mississippi boarder; and

WHEREAS, it is expected that Tropical Storm Sally will bring very heavy rainfall, tropical storm force wind gusts, minor storm surge, and isolated tornadoes to Escambia County and the City of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Sally is moving slowly, is strengthening, and could turn more northward sooner than currently anticipated.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Grover C. Robinson, IV, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Florida law and Section 2-4-8 of the Code of the City of Pensacola, and all other applicable laws, do hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. The above recitals are true, correct, and incorporated herein.

Section 2. As a result and consequence of the continuing threats to the public health, safety, and welfare, both public and private, in the City of Pensacola caused by Tropical Storm Sally, a state of emergency exists and is in effect beginning Monday, September 14, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. central daylight time.

Section 3. Pursuant to City Code section 2-4-8 and within the limits of the federal and state laws and constitutions, the Mayor hereby authorizes and directs the following:

- a. Take such emergency measures as determined necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and to ensure the continued functioning of local government.
- b. Exercise such emergency management powers granted to political subdivisions by Florida law.
- c. Alter normal work schedules and grant the nonessential work force time off with pay.
- d. Determine which employees are deemed essential during this emergency.
- e. Pay essential employees, both non-exempt and certain ranges of exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act, at overtime rates when required to report for duty during the time the remaining work force is not required to report.
- f. Waive or suspend all ordinances, policies, procedures, or customs of the city as the Mayor determines necessary for purchase of commodities and services, for contracts of no more than one (1) year duration, for the assignment of employees, and for the facilitation of reconstruction and repair, both public and private, as the determined necessary.
- g. Delegate such powers to staff as determined necessary to the effective administration of the government of the City of Pensacola.

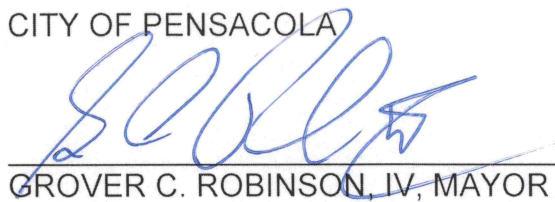
Section 3. The City Administrator or his designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise on behalf of the Mayor, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of this declaration, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to other law or ordinance.

Section 4. The City Administrator's exercise of authority pursuant to this order shall exist for a period of seven (7) days from the date of this order.

Section 5. This declaration shall expire in seven (7) days from the date of this order unless extended or shortened by action of the City Council.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand this 14th day of September, 2020.

CITY OF PENSACOLA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Grover C. Robinson, IV", is written over a horizontal line.

GROVER C. ROBINSON, IV, MAYOR

RESOLUTION R2020-124
DECLARATION OF STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Escambia County has been informed by her emergency management staff of the imminent threat posed by Hurricane Sally; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Sally has the capacity to pose a significant, imminent, and dangerous threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of Escambia County, Florida, visitors and tourists in Escambia County, Florida, as well as their real and personal property; and

WHEREAS, time and circumstances are such that a special emergency meeting of the Board of County Commissioners cannot be called; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 37-35 of the Escambia County Code of Ordinances, one Commissioner may declare a state of emergency.

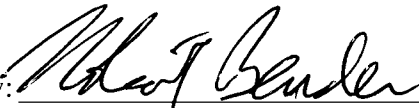
NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Escambia County Code Section 37-35(a), the Board of County Commissioners hereby resolves, finds, and declares:

1. The above recitals are true and are incorporated herein.
2. A state of local emergency hereby exists in Escambia County, Florida, effective for seven (7) days beginning 1:00 p m., central daylight time, this 14th day of September, 2020.
3. The Board of County Commissioners, hereby waives the procedures and formalities otherwise required of Escambia County pertaining to:
 - a. Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to insure the health, safety, and welfare of the community.
 - b. Entering into contracts.
 - c. Incurring obligations.
 - d. Employment of permanent and temporary workers.
 - e. Utilization of volunteer workers.
 - f. Rental of equipment.

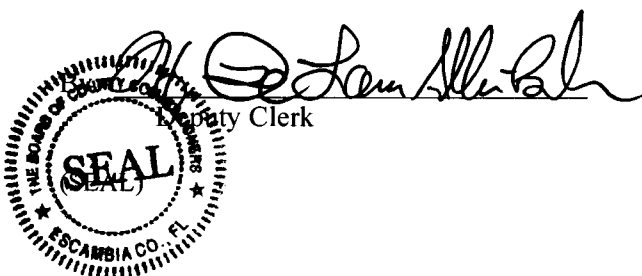
- g. Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities.
 - h. Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
4. The County Administrator, or her designee is hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to exercise, on behalf of the Board of County Commissioners, such emergency powers necessary to carry out the provisions of Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, including, but not limited to, the powers to direct and compel evacuation of all or part of the population from stricken or threatened areas within the County, if such action is deemed necessary to reduce the vulnerability of people in communities of Escambia County to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from the imminent threat, as well as any other powers expressly or implicitly conferred pursuant to Chapters 125 and 252, Florida Statutes, and any other provision of law or county ordinance.
5. The Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is hereby activated.
6. This authority shall extend only for the period of the state of local emergency, as determined by the County Administrator or his designee, or until further action by the Board of County Commissioners terminates such authority or declares that the state of local emergency has ended.
7. This Resolution shall be transmitted to the Secretary of State upon adoption.

Adopted this 14th day of September, 2020.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Robert Bender, Vice Chairman

ATTEST: PAM CHILDERS
Clerk of the Circuit Court



Date Executed

9/14/2020

Approved as to form and legal
sufficiency.

By/Title: 

Date: 9/14/2020

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-224 (Emergency Management – Hurricane Sally)

WHEREAS, as of 11:00 AM EDT on September 14, 2020, the National Hurricane Center reported that Tropical Storm Sally had strengthened into a Category 1 Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center reported Hurricane Sally has maximum sustained winds of 100 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center predicts Hurricane Sally will affect the Northwest Florida region with 5-10 inches of rain; and

WHEREAS, there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, severe flooding, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for portions of Florida's Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service issued Hurricane Warnings for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties; and

WHEREAS, many Northwest Florida rivers and streams are elevated as a result of heavy rainfall earlier this month; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the recent rainfall, many Northwest and North Florida rivers are forecasted to rise above flood stage and crest later in the week; and

WHEREAS, some roadways are currently closed, and it is anticipated that additional roadways along these rivers will be closed, traffic re-routed, and local evacuations may be necessary to protect residential communities along the waterways; and

WHEREAS, a Public Health Emergency currently exists in the State of Florida as a result of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by Hurricane Sally requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to Florida and its people by this emergency.

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. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Section 2. I designate the Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Director”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to execute the State’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (sections 252.921-252.9335, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as best to meet this emergency.

B. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

C. Direct all state, regional and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the response, recovery, and mitigation needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

D. Direct the State Coordinating Officer to direct the actions of any state agency as necessary for to implement the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Disaster Recovery Framework.

E. Designate additional Deputy State Coordinating Officers and Deputy State Disaster Recovery Coordinators, as necessary.

F. Suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

G. Enter orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers; however, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such orders issued by the State Coordinating Officer; however, no such order shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

H. The State of Florida is currently responding to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As required by CDC guidelines, Florida has adopted safe social distancing measures through the use of non-congregate shelters for evacuations and sheltering during hurricane season to limit general population sheltering. I authorize the State Coordinating Officer to activate agreements with hotels for non-congregate sheltering to the extent necessary

to protect evacuees from exposure to, and transmission of, COVID-19. Counties are encouraged to accept evacuees from other jurisdictions into their non-congregate shelters to allow for the State of Florida to practice safe social distancing measures.

Section 3. I order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard, as needed, to deal with this emergency.

Section 4. I find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some State, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to the emergency may require them to suspend the application of the statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer. Therefore, I issue the following authorizations:

A. Pursuant to section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may suspend all statutes and rules affecting budgeting to the extent necessary to provide budget authority for state agencies to cope with this emergency. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such suspension issued by the Executive Office of the Governor; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

B. Each State agency may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to suspend any and all statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders which affect leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, and the condition of employment and the compensation of employees. For the purposes of this Executive Order, “necessary action in coping with the emergency” means any emergency mitigation, response, or recovery action: (1) prescribed in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (“CEMP”); or, (2) ordered by the State Coordinating Officer or

designee. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, shall not apply to any such suspension issued by a State agency; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extensions of this Order.

C. In accordance with section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to:

- 1) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;
- 2) Following local procurement and contracting policies;
- 3) Entering into contracts; however, political subdivision are cautioned against entering into time and materials contracts without a ceiling as defined by 2 CFR 200.318(j) or cost plus percentage contracts as defined by 2 CFR 200.323(d);
- 4) Incurring obligations;
- 5) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;
- 6) Utilization of volunteer workers;
- 7) Rental of equipment;
- 8) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and,
- 9) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

D. All agencies whose employees are certified by the American Red Cross as disaster service volunteers within the meaning of section 110.120(3), Florida Statutes, may release any such employees for such service as requested by the Red Cross to meet this emergency.

E. The Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) may:

1) Waive the collection of tolls and other fees and charges for the use of the Turnpike and other public highways, to the extent such waiver may be needed to provide emergency assistance or facilitate the evacuation of the affected counties;

2) Reverse the flow of traffic or close any and all roads, highways, and portions of highways as may be needed for the safe and efficient transportation of evacuees to those counties that the State Coordinating Officer may designate as destination counties for evacuees in this emergency;

3) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;

4) Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;

5) Waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodations Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions which render assistance in restoring vital services; and,

6) Waive the size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, allowing the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for all such vehicles for the duration of the emergency. The DOT shall issue permits and such vehicles shall be subject to such special conditions as the DOT may endorse on any such permits.

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Executive

Order, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived or suspended herein or by supplemental order by the State Coordinating Officer;

F. The Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may:

- 1) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;
- 2) Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;
- 3) Suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) pursuant to chapter 207, Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for motor carriers or drivers operating commercial motor vehicles that are properly registered in other jurisdictions and that are participating in emergency relief efforts through the transportation of equipment and supplies or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services;
- 4) Waive fees for duplicate or replacement vessel registration certificates, vessel title certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement drivers' licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such licenses, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions; and,
- 5) Defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties wherein the DHSMV has closed

offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the DHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions.

Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licensees and registrants are not affected by this order. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.

G. In accordance with section 465.0275, Florida Statutes, pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state and local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order.

H. All State agencies responsible for the use of State buildings and facilities may close such buildings and facilities in those portions of the State affected by this emergency, to the extent to meet this emergency. I direct each State agency to report the closure of any State building or facility to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct each County to report the closure of any building or facility operated or maintained by the County or any political subdivision therein to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Furthermore, I direct the Secretary of the Department of Management Services to:

- 1) Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and,
- 2) Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

I. All State agencies may abrogate the time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules under which such application are deemed to be approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines, and all such time requirements that have not yet expired as of

the date of this Executive Order are suspended and tolled to the extent needed to meet this emergency.

J. All agencies shall implement its Select Exempt Services (SES) Extraordinary Payment Plans and Career Service Regular Compensatory Leave Payment Plans for:

- 1) All essential agency personnel who are required work extraordinary hours when state-owned or state-operated facility are closed in response to an emergency condition;
- 2) All agency personnel who are assigned to the State Emergency Operations Center and are required to work extraordinary hours;
- 3) All agency personnel who are deployed throughout the state in response to an emergency condition and are required to work extraordinary hours.

K. All State agencies may waive the forty-day time limit to issue a warrant pursuant to section 215.422 (3)(b), Florida Statutes. This waiver applies invoices and reimbursement requests that were received, inspected, and approved by the agency within forty days of the issuance of this Executive Order. This waiver applies to all invoices and reimbursements arising from the state of emergency. This waiver of section 215.422(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and all waivers based upon this waiver shall expire sixty days following the issuance of this Executive Order.

L. Section 934.50, Florida Statutes, is waived for state and local agencies conducting emergency operations arising from the state of emergency for the limited purpose of capturing aerial evidence concerning the amount of damage sustained to private and public property; assist in search, rescue, and recovery activities; and prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to property. This waiver of section 215.422 (3)(b), Florida Statutes, and all waivers

based upon this waiver shall expire thirty days following the issuance of this Executive Order with no extension.

Section 5. All public facilities, including elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, state universities, and other facilities owned or leased by the state, regional or local governments that are suitable for use as public shelters shall be made available at the request of the local emergency management agencies to ensure the proper reception and care of all evacuees. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct the Superintendent of each public school district in the State of Florida to report the closure of any school within its district to the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. Furthermore, I direct the Commissioner of the Department of Education to:

- A. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and,
- B. Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

Section 6. I find that the demands placed upon the funds appropriated to the agencies of the State of Florida and to local agencies are unreasonably great and may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this disaster. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys appropriated for other purposes, moneys from unappropriated surplus funds, or from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 7. All State agencies entering emergency final orders or other final actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable.

Section 8. Medical professionals and workers, social workers, and counselors with good and valid professional licenses issued by states other than the State of Florida may render such services in Florida during this emergency for persons affected by this emergency with the

condition that such services be rendered to such persons free of charge, and with the further condition that such services be rendered under the auspices of the American Red Cross or the Florida Department of Health.

Section 9. Pursuant to section 501.160, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful and a violation of section 501.204, Florida Statutes, for a person to rent or sell or offer to rent or sell at an unconscionable price within the area for which the state of emergency is declared, any essential commodity including, but not limited to, supplies, services, provisions, or equipment that is necessary for consumption or use as a direct result of the emergency.

Section 10. Under the authority contained in sections 252.36(5)(a), (g), and (m), Florida Statutes, I direct that, for the purposes of this emergency, the term “essentials”, as defined by section 252.359(2), Florida Statutes, shall be the same as and no more expansive than the term “commodity”, as defined by section 501.160(1)(a), Florida Statutes (hereinafter referred to collectively or alternatively as “essential commodities”). Accordingly, any person who delivers essential commodities to a location in the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order, and when necessary to ensure that those commodities are made available to the public, may travel within evacuated areas and exceed curfews, provided the State Coordinating Officer determines, after consultation with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), that:

A. Law enforcement officials in the declared area(s) can provide adequate security to protect the essential commodities from theft;

B. The weight of a delivery vehicle will not jeopardize the structural integrity of any roadway or bridge located within the declared area;

C. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact evacuation activities in the declared area(s); and,

D. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact any response or recovery activities occurring within the declared area(s).

After consulting with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), and after consulting with local officials, the State Coordinating Officer may dictate the routes of ingress, egress, and movement within the declared area(s) that drivers must follow when delivering essential commodities.

Provided he or she is actually delivering medications, any person authorized to deliver medications under chapter 893, Florida Statutes, qualifies as a person delivering essential commodities.

In order to qualify as a person delivering essential commodities under this section, a person must be in the process of delivering essential commodities only. If an individual is transporting both essential and non-essential commodities, then this section shall not provide any authorization for that individual to enter into or move within the declared area(s).

Section 11. Consistent with Executive Order 80-29, nothing in this Order shall prevent local jurisdictions in any area not declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order from taking prompt and necessary action to save lives and protect the property of their citizens, including the authority to compel and direct timely evacuation when necessary.

Section 12. I authorize the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds pursuant to section 420.9073, Florida Statutes, to any county, municipality, or other political subdivision located within the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this executive order. The authority of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds under this state of emergency shall expire six months from the expiration of this Order, to include any extensions of this Order.

Section 13. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified. This Executive Order shall expire sixty days from this date unless extended.



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 14th day of September, 2020.



RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA