WHEREAS, on August 31, 2016, Executive Order 16-205, was issued declaring a state of emergency in Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Brevard, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Flagler, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Hernando, Hillsborough, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Lake, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Nassau, Orange, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Putnam, Seminole, St. Johns, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Volusia, and Wakulla Counties following the forecasted strengthening of Tropical Depression #9 into a tropical storm; and

WHEREAS, the forecast has been updated and Tropical Depression #9 is now Tropical Storm Hermine; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hermine poses a severe threat to the State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of this State; and

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

WHEREAS, the additional affected counties now include Escambia, Holmes, Manatee, Okaloosa, Osceola, Santa Rosa, Sarasota, Walton, and Washington counties.

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 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 the state of emergency is expanded to include Escambia, Holmes, Manatee, Okaloosa, Osceola, Santa Rosa, Sarasota Walton, and Washington counties.
Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 16-205 is 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 31th day of August, 2016.

[Signature]
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

[Signature]
SECRETARY OF STATE