

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-282 (Emergency Management – Red Tide)

WHEREAS, On August 13, 2018, Executive Order 18-221, was issued declaring a state of emergency in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Manatee, Sarasota, Charlotte, Lee, and Collier counties following the presence of algal blooms in proximate waters; and

WHEREAS, on October 4 and 8, 2018, Executive Orders 18-275 and 18-278 were issued amending Executive Order 18-221 to include St Lucie, Martin, Palm Beach, Broward, and Miami-Dade Counties; and

WHEREAS, the affected area also includes Brevard and Indian River; 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 effects of these algae blooms pose a continuing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Florida, its residents, and environment.

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 Brevard and Indian River Counties.

Section 2. The state of emergency declared in Executive Order 18-221 and amended by Executive Orders 18-275 and 18-278 will be amended and 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 18-221, 18-275, and 18-278 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 17th day of October, 2018.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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