WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-148, declaring a state of emergency in Miami-Dade County in response to the major structural building collapse at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 21-148, as subsequently extended by Executive Order 22-113, expires on July 15, 2022, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, the cause of the structural building collapse remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Executive Order 21-148 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this tragedy require the continued support of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to Executive Order 21-148 is necessary in light of the recent creation and funding of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund and related statutory changes made by Chapters 2022-1 and 2022-2, Laws of Florida; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Florida, I am committed to providing all available resources and assistance for the Surfside community to cope with this terrible disaster.

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. Section 5 of Executive Order 21-148 is amended to read as follows:
I find that the demands placed upon funds specifically appropriated to state and local agencies for disaster relief or response are unreasonably great and that such funds may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this emergency. In accordance with section 252.37(2)(b), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund created under section 252.3711, Florida Statutes.

In accordance with section 252.37(2)(a), Florida Statutes, state agencies responding to this emergency must first spend funds specifically appropriated for disaster relief or response. If no specifically appropriated funds exist, or if funds specifically appropriated are exhausted, state agencies are authorized to spend funds from the Emergency Preparedness and Response Fund through the procedures outlined in Memorandum No. 22-046, Emergency Preparedness and Response.

Section 2. The state of emergency declared in Miami-Dade County and all provisions of Executive Order 21-148, as amended, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 3. 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 of Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with this emergency.

Section 4. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 21-148 is ratified and reaffirmed.
Section 5. This Executive Order is effective immediately.

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 July, 2022.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE