STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

EMERGENCY ORDER 20-014

WHEREAS, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

WHEREAS, as of March 15, 2020, numerous counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, section 252.31, Florida Statutes, *et al.*, as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KEN LAWSON, Executive Director of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Economic Opportunity ("the Department"). Therefore, I order the following:

1. Strict compliance with the requirements of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; therefore, the requirements of section 287.057, Florida Statutes, applicable to DEO for purposes of making purchases necessary to address the increase in reemployment assistance claims, are suspended.
2. This Order shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 20-52, as extended by any subsequent Executive Order, is in effect.

Executed this 26th day of March, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
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Filed on this 26th day of March, 2020, with the designated Agency Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

Agency Clerk

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

THIS FINAL ORDER CONSTITUTES FINAL AGENCY ACTION UNDER CHAPTER 120, FLORIDA STATUTES. A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY FINAL AGENCY ACTION IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES, AND FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 9.030(B)(1)(c) AND 9.110.

TO INITIATE JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS FINAL AGENCY ACTION, A NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE APPROPRIATE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL WITHIN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE FINAL AGENCY ACTION WAS FILED BY THE AGENCY CLERK. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THE FILING FEE SPECIFIED IN SECTION 35.22, FLORIDA STATUTES. A COPY OF THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST ALSO BE FILED WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S AGENCY CLERK, 107 EAST MADISON STREET, CALDWELL BUILDING, MSC 110, TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA 32399-4128, AGENCY.CLERK@DEO.MYFLORIDA.COM. A DOCUMENT IS FILED WHEN IT IS RECEIVED. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE SUBSTANTIALLY IN THE FORM PRESCRIBED BY FLORIDA RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE 9.900(A).

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