FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Case Number: 050-49

Emergency Order: COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Pursuant to section(s) 120.54(4), 120.569(2)(n), 252.36 and 252.46, Florida Statutes, and upon consideration of Executive Order 20-52 issued by the Governor on March 9, 2020 and the following findings, the Florida Department of Corrections enters this Emergency Order in response to the imminent danger to the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Florida resulting from COVID-19.

I HEREBY FIND that the Department of Corrections’ timely performance of emergency response functions related to Executive Order 20-52 are hindered by the application of procurement procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

Therefore, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 4 of Executive Order 20-52, I suspend, to the extent necessary to ensure said emergency response functions, the effect of any statute, rule, or order, to the extent needed to procure any and all necessary supplies, commodities, services, temporary premises, and other resources, to include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any and all statutes, rules, or orders which affect budgeting, printing, purchasing, leasing, travel, and the conditions of employment and the compensation of employees.

Additionally, I suspend all visitation privileges of inmates as provided for under Rule 33-601.714 through April 5, 2020; to be reevaluated for reinstatement on April 6, 2020.

If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Order which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Order are severable.

Executed this 11th day of March, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Mark S. Inch, Secretary

Approved as to legality and form.
Kenneth Steely, General Counsel
NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Any party substantially affected by this Order has the right to seek judicial review of it under section 120.68, Florida Statutes, by filing a notice of appeal under Rule 9.110, Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure, with the Department’s Office of the General Counsel, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500, and by filing a copy of the notice of appeal accompanied by the applicable filing fees with the appropriate district court of appeal. The notice of appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days after the issuance of this Order.