## STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-229

WHEREAS, Freddie Jerald Whitfield, a member of the Gulf County Board of County Commissioners, has passed away; and

WHEREAS, Article X, Section 3, of the Florida Constitution, and section 114.01(1)(b), Florida Statutes, provide that a vacancy in office shall occur upon the death of an incumbent public officer; and

WHEREAS, section 114.01(2), Florida Statutes, provides that the Governor shall file an Executive Order with the Secretary of State setting forth the facts giving rise to the vacancy in office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Florida, declare that due to the death of Freddie Jerald Whitfield, a vacancy currently exists on the Board of County Commissioners for Gulf County, which shall be filled in compliance with the law.

CETTESTE STRUMENTO

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, this 25th day of August, 2017.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE