

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-260

(Amended Emergency Order for Zika Virus)

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern related to the Zika virus on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-29 ordering the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency and directing the State Health Officer to use her judgment as to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on June 23, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-149 expanding the State's response by declaring a state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, I have issued subsequent executive orders extending the declaration of a state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act, including Executive Order 17-211, which extended the state of emergency through October 3, 2017; 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 State of Florida is now recovering from the unprecedented effects of Hurricane Irma—effects including significant rain, flooding, and standing water that could exacerbate the Zika threat by creating an environment likely to increase mosquito populations; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus poses a continuing threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Florida and its residents.

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 Public Health Act, the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. The state of emergency declared in Executive Order 16-149 and extended by Executive Order 16-193, Executive Order 16-233, Executive Order 16-288, Executive Order 17-43, Executive Order 17-115, 17-166, and 17-211 will be extended for 60 days following the issuance of this order.

Section 2. All actions taken by the State Health Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, and she is directed to continue to use her discretion relating to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency and the responses authorized by the Public Health Act.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 16-29, 16-149, 16-193, 16-233, 16-288, 17-43, 17-115, 17-166, and 17-211 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 4. This Executive Order will expire 60 days from this date unless extended within that time except for Section 2 and emergency responses authorized by the Public Health Act, which shall continue at the discretion of the State Health Officer.



ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

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 3rd day of October, 2017.



GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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