

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-274

(Emergency Management – Termination of Executive Order 17-264)

WHEREAS, on October 16, 2017, at the request of Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell, I issued Executive Order 17-264, which provided for the necessary and appropriate coordination of law enforcement resources to protect against threats of violent protests and counter-protests connected with scheduled rallies at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, in reliance upon Executive Order 17-264, state and local agencies including the Florida Highway Patrol, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, the Florida National Guard, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, the Alachua County Sheriff's Office, the Gainesville Police Department, the University of Florida Police Department, the Alachua County Fire Rescue, the Gainesville Fire Rescue, the 8th Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office, and a variety of other county sheriffs and municipal police departments, worked tirelessly in the ensuing days to establish a safe and controlled environment at the University of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2017, state and local law enforcement agencies implemented a coordinated security plan to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and to safeguard public and private property; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the diligent planning and careful execution of the coordinated security plan by state and local law enforcement, the University of Florida did not experience widespread episodes of violence and property damage such as those that occurred during similar events at universities in other states; and

WHEREAS, Alachua County Sheriff Sadie Darnell has now advised me the potential

threats or dangers that created the need for Executive Order 17-264 have been abated; and

WHEREAS, the conditions warranting a state of emergency for Alachua County have now ceased to exist;

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

Section 1. Executive Order 17-264 is terminated as of this date.

Section 2. Nothing in the Order shall be construed to affect the validity of any action taken or obligation incurred in reliance upon Executive Order 17-264 while in effect.



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 20th day of October, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick Scott", written over a horizontal line.

GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Ritzman", written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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