

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-277

(Emergency Management – Amendment of Executive Order 18-276)

WHEREAS, on Sunday, October 7, 2018, I issued Executive Order 18-276 declaring a state of emergency in 26 counties as a result of the severe threat posed by Tropical Storm Michael; and

WHEREAS, as of 5 a.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018, Tropical Storm Michael had strengthened in intensity, with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph, and is forecast to be a hurricane—and possibly a major hurricane—when it reaches the Gulf Coast by mid-week; and

WHEREAS, a Hurricane Watch is now in effect from the Alabama-Florida border to the Suwannee River and a Tropical Storm Watch is now in effect from the Suwannee River to Anna Maria Island, including Tampa Bay; and

WHEREAS, the dangers posed by tropical storm force winds and storm surge from Tropical Storm Michael now threaten additional Florida counties in the Big Bend and Tampa Bay regions; and

WHEREAS, the effects of Tropical Storm Michael pose 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 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 18-276 is amended to

include Baker, Union, Bradford, Alachua, Hernando, Pasco, Pinellas, Hillsborough, and Manatee Counties.

Section 2. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, and he is directed to continue to execute the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 18-276 is ratified and reaffirmed.

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 8th day of October, 2018.



RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE



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