

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-51

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 17-235)

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma made its first landfall at Cudjoe Key, Florida as a Category 4 Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2017, Hurricane Irma made its second landfall at Marco Island, Florida as a Category 3 Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the path of Hurricane Irma traveled the entire state of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2017, I issued Executive Order 17-235 declaring a state of emergency for every county in Florida due to the forecasted strength of the storm; and

WHEREAS, I have issued subsequent executive orders extending the declaration of a state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act, including Executive Orders 17-287 and 17-330, which extended the state of emergency through February 27, 2018; 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 following counties are still recovering from experiencing a direct hit, historical flooding, and damage caused by Hurricane Irma: Clay, Collier, Duval, Hendry, Lee, Monroe, and Putnam; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida remains committed to helping every family recover from this devastating storm; and

WHEREAS, the effects of Hurricane Irma 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 17-235 and extended by Executive Orders 17-287 and 17-330 will be extended for 60 days following the issuance of this order, amended to include only the following counties: Clay, Collier, Duval, Hendry, Lee, Monroe, and Putnam.

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 Orders 17-235, 17-287, and 17-330 are 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 23rd day of February 2017.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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