WHEREAS, on Wednesday, August 28, 2019, I issued Executive Order 19-189 declaring a state of emergency in 26 counties as a result of the severe threat posed by Hurricane Dorian; and

WHEREAS, as of 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 29, 2019, the National Hurricane Center reported Hurricane Dorian has strengthened in intensity, with maximum sustained winds of 85 mph, and is forecast to be a major hurricane as it travels over Atlantic waters; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center forecasts a potential landfall on Florida on Sunday or Monday with impacts possibly covering the entire peninsula and portions of the Northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing risk of dangerous storm surge, rainfall, flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity throughout Florida, now including the Gulf Coast and Northwest Florida counties; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by Hurricane Dorian requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, 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 19-189 is amended to include all 67 counties.
Section 2. Pursuant to section 161.111, Florida Statutes, I declare a shore erosion emergency in all coastal counties covered by Executive Order 19-189, as amended by this Executive Order. I authorize the Department of Environmental Protection to expend available funds, during this state of emergency, to respond to and alleviate coastal erosion caused by Hurricane Dorian.

Section 3. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, 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 this emergency.

Section 4. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 19-189 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 29th day of August, 2019.

GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE