WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52 declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-68, as extended by Executive Order 20-112, which authorized the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to ensure all restaurants implement employee screening and to prohibit any restaurant employee from entering the restaurant premises if he or she meets certain criteria indicative of concerns related to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the White House and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have updated and may continue to update COVID-19 guidance for businesses in the restaurant industry to ensure the safety and health of employees and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Health continues to monitor evidence of COVID-19 in Florida, the state’s response efforts, and changing federal guidance and best practices for business, government and individual activities during the COVID-19 disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, Florida continues to adjust its COVID-19 response efforts as state officials and medical experts continuously monitor data during reopening and update guidance to best combat the virus; and

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, Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:
Section 1.

Section 3 C. of Executive Order 20-68, as extended by Executive Orders 20-112, 20-139 and 20-166, should read as follows:

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation shall ensure all restaurants implement employee screening protocols pursuant to guidance developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Section 2.

Section 3 of Executive Order 20-139, which incorporates requirements of Executive Orders 20-80 and 20-82, as extended by Executive Order 20-166, is rescinded. Otherwise, Executive Order 20-139 remains in effect for the duration of Executive Order 20-166.

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 5th day of August, 2020

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE