WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-139 implementing Phase 2 of the Safe, Smart, Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery, and I have subsequently issued executive orders to further that plan; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-139 mandates Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties submit requests for consideration for my approving them for Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, on September 4, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-214 approving Palm Beach County to move to Phase 2; and

WHEREAS, in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, COVID-19 cases are declining; for instance, hospitalizations are now down 68% since their peak; daily hospital admissions for people with COVID-19 has dropped nearly 72%; and the number of individuals arriving at emergency rooms with COVID-like illness is down more than 75%; and

WHEREAS, Floridians are working hard to protect themselves from spreading or contracting COVID-19; businesses are operating in a safe manner; and parents should be able to choose to send their children back to school.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section (l)(a) of the Florida Constitution and Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order to take immediate effect:
Beginning Monday, September 14, 2020, Miami-Dade and Broward counties are approved to move into Phase 2 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s Recovery.

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 11th day of September, 2020.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE