WHEREAS, on September 14, 2020 and September 15, 2020 I declared a state of emergency in multiple Florida counties in preparation for Hurricane Sally.

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, Hurricane Sally made landfall at 5:45 AM EST at Gulf Shores, Alabama, with hurricane conditions reported in Northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, as a result of rainfall, many Northwest and North Florida rivers rose to dangerous and damaging levels; and

WHEREAS, several roadways were closed, traffic re-routed, and local evacuations necessary to protect residential communities along the waterways; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center, has determined that the dangerous storm surge, flooding and rainfall levels more broadly impacted counties in Northwest Florida; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I am responsible for meeting the dangers presented to Florida and its people by this emergency.

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. Executive Order 20-224 is amended to include the following counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.
Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-224 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 1st day of October, 2020.

Ron DeSantis, Governor

ATTEST:

Lauren D. Blase
SECRETARY OF STATE