STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-295

(Amending Executive Order 20-278, Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Eta)

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-277, declaring a state of emergency for eight counties due to the severe threat Tropical Storm Eta posed to the State; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-278, declaring a state of emergency for thirteen additional counties due to the projected path and strengthening of Tropical Storm Eta into a Category 1 Hurricane as it moved along the Florida West Coast; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, I requested an Emergency Declaration as this storm was forecast to significantly impact the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2020, President Donald J. Trump approved the request and declared an emergency existed; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2020, Hurricane Eta weakened into a tropical storm and made landfall at Cedar Key, Florida, with maximum sustained winds of 50 miles per hour; and

WHEREAS, tropical storm force winds extended up to 115 miles from the center of the storm; and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Eta traveled along the Gulf Coast causing storm surge and flooding which impacted several counties, including Charlotte County; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I am committed to providing all available resources and assisting local communities with their recovery efforts.

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 20-278 is amended to include Charlotte County.

<u>Section 2</u>. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 20-277 and 20-278 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 18th day of November, 2020.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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