

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-142 (State of Emergency – Orange County)

**WHEREAS**, during the early morning hours of June 12, 2016, a mass shooting and hostage situation occurred at a nightclub in Orlando Florida, Orange County; and

**WHEREAS**, the ongoing investigation by the Orlando Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and Federal Bureau of Investigation initially reports there are over fifty reported fatalities and over fifty injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Orlando declared a local state of emergency on June 12, 2016, 2016; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am responsible to meet the dangers presented to this state and its people by this emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT**, 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. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Orange County.

Section 2. I designate the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct that he execute the State's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a),

Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)–(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (sections 252.921-.933, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as best to meet this emergency.

B. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

C. Direct all state, regional, and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

D. Designate Deputy State Coordinating Officers.

The State Coordinating Officer shall have the authority to enter such orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers.

Section 3. All State agencies entering emergency final orders or other final actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable.

Section 4. All actions taken by the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified. This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from this date unless extended.

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 12th day of June, 2016.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kerry Ritzman', written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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