STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16-149

(Amended Emergency Order for Zika Virus)

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern related to the Zika virus on February 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, there have been two-hundred thirteen confirmed travel-related cases of the Zika virus in Florida (of which forty have been pregnant women) in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus is transmitted by a bite from an infected Aedes mosquito and other transmittal methods are still being determined; and

WHEREAS, the Zika virus has been associated with microcephaly and neurological disorders including Guillain- Barré Syndrome; and

WHEREAS, instances of microcephaly and neurological disorders have been diagnosed in infants and are believed to have been contracted in utero as a result of the mother being bitten by an infected Aedes mosquito; and

WHEREAS, although Florida's current two-hundred thirteen Zika cases were travel-related, Aedes mosquitos are common in Florida; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2016, I issued Executive Order 16-29 ordering the State Surgeon General to declare a public health emergency; and

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 Public Health Act, 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 the following counties in the State of Florida: Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia Counties. Further, I direct the State Health Officer and Surgeon General, Dr. Celeste Philip, to declare a public health emergency in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia Counties, pursuant to her authority in section 381.00315, Florida Statutes. The State Health Officer is authorized and directed to use her judgment as to the duration and the geographical boundaries of this public health emergency.

Section 2. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may waive all statutes and rules affecting budgeting to the extent necessary to provide budget authority for state agencies to cope with this emergency. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such waiver issued by the Executive Office of the Governor.

Section 3. I find that the demands placed upon the funds appropriated to the agencies of the State of Florida and to local agencies are unreasonably great and may be inadequate to pay the costs of coping with this disaster. In accordance with section 252.37(2), Florida Statutes, I direct that sufficient funds be made available, as needed, by transferring and expending moneys

appropriated for other purposes, moneys from unappropriated surplus funds, or from the Budget Stabilization Fund.

Section 4. In accordance with section 381.0011(7), Florida Statutes, I direct the State Health Officer to take any action necessary to protect the public health. Further, I direct the State Health Officer to immediately notify the Commissioner of Agriculture of this threat to public health pursuant to section 388.45, Florida Statutes. Furthermore, this statute authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to issue a mosquito declaration in Alachua, Brevard, Broward, Clay, Collier, Duval, Escambia, Hillsborough, Highlands, Lee, Martin, Miami-Dade, Okaloosa, Orange, Osceola, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Santa Rosa, Seminole, St. Johns and Volusia Counties. Special attention shall be paid to residential areas, as CDC guidance indicates that backpack mosquito spray measures may be most effective.

Section 5. The State Health Officer is directed to follow the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") in establishing protocols to control the spread of the Zika virus and educate the public on prevention.

Section 6. In accordance with section 381.0011(7), Florida Statutes, I designate the Florida Department of Health as the lead state agency to coordinate emergency response activities among the various state agencies and local governments. The State Health Officer, or her designee, shall advise the Executive Office of the Governor on the implementation of these emergency response activities.

Section 7. All actions taken by the State Health Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified.

Section 8. I hereby direct the Florida Department of Health to make its own determinations as to further resources and information needed in the State from the CDC to combat the spread of Zika and other measures that may need to be taken to protect public health.

Section 9. I hereby direct the Department of Environmental Protection and the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to support the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services in any way as it develops extensive mosquito control plans to contain the spread of this illness in partnership with Florida's counties, cities, and mosquito control districts.

Section 10. All agencies under the direction of the Governor are directed to fully cooperate with the Florida Department of Health, and any representative thereof in the furtherance of this Order. Agencies not under the direction of the Governor are requested to provide such assistance as is required.

Section 11. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 16-29, 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 23rd day of June, 2016.

GOVERNOR

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