

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 18-279 (Opioid Epidemic Extension)

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared a national opioid epidemic which poses a severe threat to the State of Florida and requires that measures are taken to protect the communities and the general welfare of this State; and

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2017, I issued executive order 17-146 declaring that the opioid epidemic threatens the State of Florida with an emergency, and as a consequence of this danger a state of emergency exists in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, I have subsequently issued executive orders 17-177, 17-178, 17-230, 17-285, 17-329, 18-47, 18-110, 18-177, and 18-235, extending the state of emergency under the Florida Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, no state of emergency declared pursuant to the Florida Emergency Management Act may continue for more than 60 days unless renewed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, the opioid epidemic continues to pose an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the State of Florida and its residents.

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, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

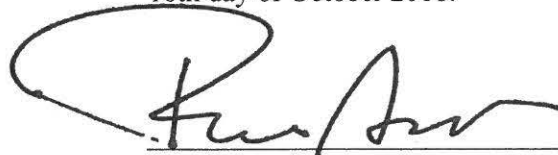
Section 1. The state of emergency declared in Executive Order 17-146 on May 3, 2017, and extended by executive orders 17-177, 17-178, 17-230, 17-285, 17-329, 18-47, 18-110, 18-177, and 18-235 is incorporated in this order for 60 days following the issuance of this order.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 17-177, 17-178, 17-230, 17-285, 17-329, 18-47, 18-110, 18-177, and 18-235, are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 3. This Executive Order will expire 60 days from this date unless extended within that time.

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 16th day of October 2018.




GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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