

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-278

(Amending Executive Order 20-277, Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Eta)

WHEREAS, as of 7:35 AM EST on November 11, 2020, the National Hurricane Center reported Tropical Storm Eta strengthened to a Category 1 Hurricane and is currently located 170 miles southwest of Tampa, Florida; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center reports Hurricane Eta has maximum sustained winds of 75 miles per hour and will make landfall within the next 36 hours along the Florida West Coast; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued Hurricane Watches for Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Levy, Manatee, Pasco and Pinellas Counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued Tropical Storm Warnings for Alachua, Charlotte, Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter Counties; and

WHEREAS, the National Hurricane Center has issued Tropical Storm Watches for Bradford, Clay, Dixie, Flagler, Putnam, St. Johns, Taylor and Volusia Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has forecasted the potential for strong winds, dangerous storm surge, hazardous seas, severe flooding and the potential for tornadic activity along the west coast of Florida due to Hurricane Eta; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I must meet the dangers presented to Florida and its people by this emergency.

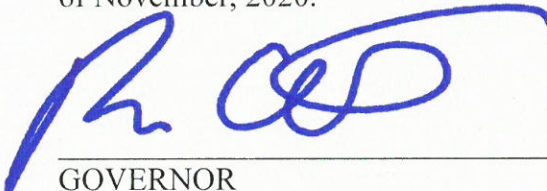
NOW, THEREFORE, I, RON DESANTIS, as Governor of Florida, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution and by the Florida Emergency Management Act, as amended, and all other applicable laws, promulgate the following Executive Order, to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Executive Order 20-277 is amended to include the following counties: Alachua, Citrus, Dixie, Gilchrist, Hernando, Hillsborough, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Sarasota and Sumter.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-277 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 11th day of November, 2020.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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