## STATE OF FLORIDA DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF STATUTES, RULES, AND ORDERS, PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-52, MADE NECESSARY BY THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH

**EMERGENCY** 

DEM ORDER NO. 20-005

## **EMERGENCY ORDER**

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Florida issued Executive Order No. 20-52, declaring a state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a severe threat to the entire State of Florida and requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities and general welfare of this State; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor has designated the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and has delegated to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes; and,

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, I issued DEM ORDER NO. 20-002 prohibiting certain individuals from visiting nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes to protect the residents from potential spread of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS, today, March 13, 2020, Governor DeSantis directed me, as the State Coordinating Officer, under the powers afforded by Executive Order No. 20-52, to prohibit

visitation to all nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes for thirty days from the date of this order in Broward County, Florida; and,

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby find that the Division of Emergency Management's timely performance of disaster response functions related to COVID-19 Public Health Emergency is hindered by the application of procedures imposed by statute, rule, and/or order.

Therefore, pursuant to Section 2 of Executive Order No. 20-52, I hereby suspend sections 393.13(4), 400.022(1)(b), 429.28(1)(d), 429.85(1)(d) Florida Statutes, for the particular purpose of prohibiting all individuals from visiting facilities in Broward County, Florida for thirty days from the date of this order. For purposes of this order, a facility includes nursing homes, assisted living facilities, adult family-care homes, long-term care facilities, and adult group homes.

Because section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, allows the Governor to suspend the provisions of "any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for [the] conduct of state business", and because Executive Order No. 20-52 designates the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer for this emergency, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to this Order.

The effective dates of this Order shall correspond with the effective dates of Executive Order No. 20-52.

## By Order of the State Coordinating Officer executed this 13th day of March, 2020,

in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

Jared Moskowitz

State Coordinating Officer Florida Division of Emergency Management

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Filed on this date, with the designated Division Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.