WHEREAS, on June 24, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-148, declaring a state of emergency in Miami-Dade County in response to the major structural building collapse at 8777 Collins Avenue in Surfside, Florida; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-160, indefinitely suspending the operation of specified statutes and their associated deadlines and requirements for all taxpayers whose property was destroyed or rendered uninhabitable during the collapse of Champlain Towers South to the extent necessary to ease their tax obligations; and

WHEREAS, Executive Orders 21-148 and 21-160, as subsequently extended by Executive Order 22-15, expire on March 19, 2022, unless extended; and

WHEREAS, the cause of the structural building collapse remains unknown; and

WHEREAS, an extension of Executive Orders 21-148 and 21-160 is necessary because recovery efforts and those affected by this tragedy require the continued support of the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida continues to implement budgetary response efforts to help Floridians to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, as Governor of Florida, I am committed to providing all available resources and assistance for the Surfside community to cope with this terrible disaster.

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. The state of emergency declared in Miami-Dade County and all provisions of Executive Order 21-148, as recently extended by Executive Order 22-15, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 2. All provisions of Executive Order 21-160, as recently extended by Executive Order 22-15, are renewed for sixty (60) days following the date of this Executive Order.

Section 3. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management as the State Coordinating Officer with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified, and he is directed to continue to execute the State of Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with this emergency.

Section 4. Except as amended herein, Executive Orders 21-148 and 21-160 are ratified and reaffirmed.

Section 5. This Executive Order is effective immediately.

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 18th day of March, 2022.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:
Lauren Daigle
SECRETARY OF STATE