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**INSURANCE REGULATION**  
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**OFFICE OF INSURANCE REGULATION**

**DAVID ALTMAYER**  
COMMISSIONER

IN THE MATTER OF:

Hurricane Sally

Limitation on  
Cancellations and Nonrenewals;  
Miscellaneous Provisions /

CASE NO.: 271761-20-EO

**EMERGENCY ORDER**

THIS CAUSE came before the Commissioner of the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation (“Commissioner” or “Office”) as a result of the state of emergency created by Hurricane Sally. This Order applies to all property and casualty insurers, premium finance companies, surplus lines insurers, and all other property and casualty entities regulated by the Office. The Commissioner, being fully advised in the premises, hereby FINDS as follows:

**JURISDICTION AND FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Office has the duty, pursuant to Section 624.307, Florida Statutes, to enforce the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code (Chapters 624-632, 634, 635, 636, 641, 642, 648, and 651). The Office has the powers and authority expressly conferred upon it by, or reasonably implied from, the provisions of the Florida Insurance Code, pursuant to Section 624.307(2), Florida Statutes, and as further authorized by Section 252.46, Florida Statutes.

2. On September 14, 2020, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 20-224 (attached as Exhibit A) applicable to Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. On September 15, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-225 amending 20-224

(attached as Exhibit B), which, due to the forecast models and tracks that predicted Hurricane Sally would affect Northwest Florida, immediately declared a state of emergency for the following counties in Florida: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Walton and Washington. Hurricane conditions from Hurricane Sally were reported in Northwest Florida on September 16, 2020, when Hurricane Sally made landfall in Gulf Shores, Alabama. On October 1, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order Number 20-248 amending 20-224 (attached as Exhibit C) due to the broader impact of Hurricane Sally on Northwest Florida extending the state of emergency to the following counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington (“Included Counties”).

3. Section 252.63(1), Florida Statutes, provides that “[w]hen the Governor declares a state of emergency pursuant to s. 252.36, the [C]ommissioner may issue one or more general orders applicable to all insurance companies, entities, and persons, as defined in s. 624.04, that are subject to the Florida Insurance Code and that serve any portion of the area of the state under the state of emergency.”

4. Sections 627.4133(2)(d)1.-2., Florida Statutes, provide that:

With respect to any personal lines or commercial residential property insurance policy, including, but not limited to, any homeowner, mobile home owner, farmowner, condominium association, condominium unit owner, apartment building, or other policy covering a residential structure or its contents . . . .

1. Upon a declaration of an emergency pursuant to s. 252.36 and the filing of an order by the Commissioner of Insurance Regulation, an insurer may not cancel or nonrenew a personal residential or commercial residential property insurance policy covering a dwelling or residential property located in this state which has been damaged as a result of a hurricane or wind loss that is the subject of the declaration of emergency for a period of 90 days after the dwelling or residential property has been repaired. A structure is deemed to be repaired when substantially completed and restored to the extent that it is insurable by another authorized insurer that is writing policies in this state.

2. However, an insurer or agent may cancel or nonrenew such a policy prior to the repair of the dwelling or residential property:
  - a. Upon 10 days' notice for nonpayment of premium; or
  - b. Upon 45 days' notice:
    - (I) For a material misstatement or fraud related to the claim;
    - (II) If the insurer determines that the insured has unreasonably caused a delay in the repair of the dwelling; or
    - (III) If the insurer has paid policy limits.

WHEREFORE, as a result of the direct effects of Hurricane Sally, the Commissioner of the Florida Office of Insurance Regulation finds that the issuance of an Emergency Order applicable to all property and casualty entities regulated by the Office pursuant to Sections 252.63 and 624.307, Florida Statutes, is required in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of policyholders in Florida.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

**APPLICATION OF SECTION 627.4133, FLORIDA STATUTES**

A. An insurer may not cancel or nonrenew a personal residential or commercial residential property insurance policy covering a dwelling or residential property damaged as a result of Hurricane Sally and located in the Included Counties for a period of 90 days after the dwelling or residential property has been repaired, except as provided in Section 627.4133(2)(d)2., Florida Statutes.

B. Any notice of cancellation or nonrenewal sent or becoming effective on or after the date of loss for a dwelling or residential property damaged as a result of Hurricane Sally and located in the Included Counties shall not be effective until 90 days after the dwelling or residential property has been repaired, except as provided in Section 627.4133(2)(d)2., Florida Statutes. Insurers shall notify any affected insured within 15 days of the date of this Emergency Order.

## MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

C. Section 627.4265, Florida Statutes, permits an insurer to require a release or other indication of acceptance of the amount of the claim payment as a full release only if the insurer and the claimant have agreed in writing to the settlement of the claim.

D. The Commissioner may, by written order, amend the scope of this Emergency Order, based upon a determination that it is necessary.

E. The provisions of this Emergency Order shall be liberally construed to effectuate the intent and purposes expressed therein and to afford maximum consumer protection.

DONE and ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.



*David Altmaier*

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David Altmaier, Commissioner  
Office of Insurance Regulation

### EXHIBITS:

- A. Executive Order Number 20-224, September 14, 2020
- B. Executive Order Number 20-225, September 15, 2020
- C. Executive Order Number 20-248, October 1, 2020

# **STATE OF FLORIDA**

## **OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-224 (Emergency Management – Hurricane Sally)**

**WHEREAS**, as of 11:00 AM EDT on September 14, 2020, the National Hurricane Center reported that Tropical Storm Sally had strengthened into a Category 1 Hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center reported Hurricane Sally has maximum sustained winds of 100 miles per hour; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center predicts Hurricane Sally will affect the Northwest Florida region with 5-10 inches of rain; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, severe flooding, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for portions of Florida's Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service issued Hurricane Warnings for Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, many Northwest Florida rivers and streams are elevated as a result of heavy rainfall earlier this month; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of the recent rainfall, many Northwest and North Florida rivers are forecasted to rise above flood stage and crest later in the week; and

**WHEREAS**, some roadways are currently closed, and it is anticipated that additional roadways along these rivers will be closed, traffic re-routed, and local evacuations may be necessary to protect residential communities along the waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, a Public Health Emergency currently exists in the State of Florida as a result of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by Hurricane Sally requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am responsible to 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. Because of the foregoing conditions, I declare that a state of emergency exists in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties.

Section 2. I designate the Director of the Division of Emergency Management (“Director”) as the State Coordinating Officer for the duration of this emergency and direct him to execute the State’s Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency. Pursuant to section 252.36(1)(a), Florida Statutes, I delegate to the State Coordinating Officer the authority to exercise those powers delineated in sections 252.36(5)-(10), Florida Statutes, which he shall exercise as needed to meet this emergency, subject to the limitations of section 252.33, Florida Statutes. In exercising the powers delegated by this Order, the State Coordinating Officer shall confer with the Governor to the fullest extent practicable. The State Coordinating Officer shall also have the authority to:

A. Invoke and administer the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (“EMAC”) (sections 252.921-252.9335, Florida Statutes) and other compacts and agreements existing between the State of Florida and other states, and the further authority to coordinate the allocation of resources from such other states that are made available to Florida under such compacts and agreements so as best to meet this emergency.

B. Seek direct assistance and enter into agreements with any and all agencies of the United States Government as may be needed to meet the emergency.

C. Direct all state, regional and local governmental agencies, including law enforcement agencies, to identify personnel needed from those agencies to assist in meeting the response, recovery, and mitigation needs created by this emergency, and to place all such personnel under the direct command and coordination of the State Coordinating Officer to meet this emergency.

D. Direct the State Coordinating Officer to direct the actions of any state agency as necessary for to implement the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Disaster Recovery Framework.

E. Designate additional Deputy State Coordinating Officers and Deputy State Disaster Recovery Coordinators, as necessary.

F. Suspend the effect of any statute, rule, or order that would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay any mitigation, response, or recovery action necessary to cope with this emergency.

G. Enter orders as may be needed to implement any of the foregoing powers; however, the requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, do not apply to any such orders issued by the State Coordinating Officer; however, no such order shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

H. The State of Florida is currently responding to the Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). As required by CDC guidelines, Florida has adopted safe social distancing measures through the use of non-congregate shelters for evacuations and sheltering during hurricane season to limit general population sheltering. I authorize the State Coordinating Officer to activate agreements with hotels for non-congregate sheltering to the extent necessary

to protect evacuees from exposure to, and transmission of, COVID-19. Counties are encouraged to accept evacuees from other jurisdictions into their non-congregate shelters to allow for the State of Florida to practice safe social distancing measures.

Section 3. I order the Adjutant General to activate the Florida National Guard, as needed, to deal with this emergency.

Section 4. I find that the special duties and responsibilities resting upon some State, regional, and local agencies and other governmental bodies in responding to the emergency may require them to suspend the application of the statutes, rules, ordinances, and orders they administer. Therefore, I issue the following authorizations:

A. Pursuant to section 252.36(5)(a), Florida Statutes, the Executive Office of the Governor may suspend 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 suspension issued by the Executive Office of the Governor; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extension.

B. Each State agency may suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business or the orders or rules of that agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any such statute, order, or rule would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency. This includes, but is not limited to, the authority to suspend any and all statutes, rules, ordinances, or orders which affect leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, and the condition of employment and the compensation of employees. For the purposes of this Executive Order, "necessary action in coping with the emergency" means any emergency mitigation, response, or recovery action: (1) prescribed in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan ("CEMP"); or, (2) ordered by the State Coordinating Officer or



designee. The requirements of sections 252.46 and 120.54(4), Florida Statutes, shall not apply to any such suspension issued by a State agency; however, no such suspension shall remain in effect beyond the expiration of this Executive Order, to include any extensions of this Order.

C. In accordance with section 252.38, Florida Statutes, each political subdivision within the State of Florida may waive the procedures and formalities otherwise required of the political subdivision by law pertaining to:

1) Performance of public work and taking whatever prudent action is necessary to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of the community;

2) Following local procurement and contracting policies;

3) Entering into contracts; however, political subdivision are cautioned against entering into time and materials contracts without a ceiling as defined by 2 CFR 200.318(j) or cost plus percentage contracts as defined by 2 CFR 200.323(d);

4) Incurring obligations;

5) Employment of permanent and temporary workers;

6) Utilization of volunteer workers;

7) Rental of equipment;

8) Acquisition and distribution, with or without compensation, of supplies, materials, and facilities; and,

9) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds.

D. All agencies whose employees are certified by the American Red Cross as disaster service volunteers within the meaning of section 110.120(3), Florida Statutes, may release any such employees for such service as requested by the Red Cross to meet this emergency.

E. The Secretary of the Florida Department of Transportation (DOT) may:

1) Waive the collection of tolls and other fees and charges for the use of the Turnpike and other public highways, to the extent such waiver may be needed to provide emergency assistance or facilitate the evacuation of the affected counties;

2) Reverse the flow of traffic or close any and all roads, highways, and portions of highways as may be needed for the safe and efficient transportation of evacuees to those counties that the State Coordinating Officer may designate as destination counties for evacuees in this emergency;

3) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;

4) Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;

5) Waive by special permit the warning signal requirements in the Utility Accommodations Manual to accommodate public utility companies from other jurisdictions which render assistance in restoring vital services; and,

6) Waive the size and weight restrictions for divisible loads on any vehicles transporting emergency equipment, services, supplies, and agricultural commodities and citrus as recommended by the Commissioner of Agriculture, allowing the establishment of alternate size and weight restrictions for all such vehicles for the duration of the emergency. The DOT shall issue permits and such vehicles shall be subject to such special conditions as the DOT may endorse on any such permits.

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to allow any vehicle to exceed weight limits posted for bridges and like structures, or relieve any vehicle or the carrier, owner, or driver of any vehicle from compliance with any restrictions other than those specified in this Executive

Order, or from any statute, rule, order, or other legal requirement not specifically waived or suspended herein or by supplemental order by the State Coordinating Officer;

F. The Executive Director of the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) may:

- 1) Suspend enforcement of the registration requirements pursuant to sections 316.545(4) and 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for commercial motor vehicles that enter Florida to provide emergency services or supplies, to transport emergency equipment, supplies or personnel, or to transport FEMA mobile homes or office style mobile homes into or from Florida;
- 2) Waive the hours of service requirements for such vehicles;
- 3) Suspend the enforcement of the licensing and registration requirements under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) pursuant to chapter 207, Florida Statutes, and the International Registration Plan (IRP) pursuant to section 320.0715, Florida Statutes, for motor carriers or drivers operating commercial motor vehicles that are properly registered in other jurisdictions and that are participating in emergency relief efforts through the transportation of equipment and supplies or providing other assistance in the form of emergency services;
- 4) Waive fees for duplicate or replacement vessel registration certificates, vessel title certificates, vehicle license plates, vehicle registration certificates, vehicle tag certificates, vehicle title certificates, handicapped parking permits, replacement drivers' licenses, and replacement identification cards and to waive the additional fees for the late renewal of or application for such licenses, certificates, and documents due to the effects of adverse weather conditions; and,
- 5) Defer administrative actions and waive fees imposed by law for the late renewal or application for the above licenses, certificates, and documents, which were delayed due to the effects of adverse weather conditions, including in counties wherein the DHSMV has closed

offices, or any office of the County Tax Collector that acts on behalf of the DHSMV to process renewals has closed offices due to adverse weather conditions.

Recordkeeping and other applicable requirements for existing IFTA and IRP licensees and registrants are not affected by this order. The DHSMV shall promptly notify the State Coordinating Officer when the waiver is no longer necessary.

G. In accordance with section 465.0275, Florida Statutes, pharmacists may dispense up to a 30-day emergency prescription refill of maintenance medication to persons who reside in an area or county covered under this Executive Order and to emergency personnel who have been activated by their state and local agency but who do not reside in an area or county covered by this Executive Order.

H. All State agencies responsible for the use of State buildings and facilities may close such buildings and facilities in those portions of the State affected by this emergency, to the extent to meet this emergency. I direct each State agency to report the closure of any State building or facility to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct each County to report the closure of any building or facility operated or maintained by the County or any political subdivision therein to the Secretary of the Department of Management Services. Furthermore, I direct the Secretary of the Department of Management Services to:

- 1) Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and,
- 2) Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

I. All State agencies may abrogate the time requirements, notice requirements, and deadlines for final action on applications for permits, licenses, rates, and other approvals under any statutes or rules under which such application are deemed to be approved unless disapproved in writing by specified deadlines, and all such time requirements that have not yet expired as of

the date of this Executive Order are suspended and tolled to the extent needed to meet this emergency.

J. All agencies shall implement its Select Exempt Services (SES) Extraordinary Payment Plans and Career Service Regular Compensatory Leave Payment Plans for:

- 1) All essential agency personnel who are required work extraordinary hours when state-owned or state-operated facility are closed in response to an emergency condition;
- 2) All agency personnel who are assigned to the State Emergency Operations Center and are required to work extraordinary hours;
- 3) All agency personnel who are deployed throughout the state in response to an emergency condition and are required to work extraordinary hours.

K. All State agencies may waive the forty-day time limit to issue a warrant pursuant to section 215.422 (3)(b), Florida Statutes. This waiver applies invoices and reimbursement requests that were received, inspected, and approved by the agency within forty days of the issuance of this Executive Order. This waiver applies to all invoices and reimbursements arising from the state of emergency. This waiver of section 215.422(3)(b), Florida Statutes, and all waivers based upon this waiver shall expire sixty days following the issuance of this Executive Order.

L. Section 934.50, Florida Statutes, is waived for state and local agencies conducting emergency operations arising from the state of emergency for the limited purpose of capturing aerial evidence concerning the amount of damage sustained to private and public property; assist in search, rescue, and recovery activities; and prevent imminent danger to life or serious damage to property. This waiver of section 215.422 (3)(b), Florida Statutes, and all waivers

based upon this waiver shall expire thirty days following the issuance of this Executive Order with no extension.

Section 5. All public facilities, including elementary and secondary schools, community colleges, state universities, and other facilities owned or leased by the state, regional or local governments that are suitable for use as public shelters shall be made available at the request of the local emergency management agencies to ensure the proper reception and care of all evacuees. Under the authority contained in section 252.36, Florida Statutes, I direct the Superintendent of each public school district in the State of Florida to report the closure of any school within its district to the Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education. Furthermore, I direct the Commissioner of the Department of Education to:

- A. Maintain an accurate and up-to-date list of all such closures; and,
- B. Provide that list daily to the State Coordinating Officer.

Section 6. 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 7. All State agencies entering emergency final orders or other final actions in response to this emergency shall advise the State Coordinating Officer contemporaneously or as soon as practicable.

Section 8. Medical professionals and workers, social workers, and counselors with good and valid professional licenses issued by states other than the State of Florida may render such services in Florida during this emergency for persons affected by this emergency with the

condition that such services be rendered to such persons free of charge, and with the further condition that such services be rendered under the auspices of the American Red Cross or the Florida Department of Health.

Section 9. Pursuant to section 501.160, Florida Statutes, it is unlawful and a violation of section 501.204, Florida Statutes, for a person to rent or sell or offer to rent or sell at an unconscionable price within the area for which the state of emergency is declared, any essential commodity including, but not limited to, supplies, services, provisions, or equipment that is necessary for consumption or use as a direct result of the emergency.

Section 10. Under the authority contained in sections 252.36(5)(a), (g), and (m), Florida Statutes, I direct that, for the purposes of this emergency, the term “essentials”, as defined by section 252.359(2), Florida Statutes, shall be the same as and no more expansive than the term “commodity”, as defined by section 501.160(1)(a), Florida Statutes (hereinafter referred to collectively or alternatively as “essential commodities”). Accordingly, any person who delivers essential commodities to a location in the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order, and when necessary to ensure that those commodities are made available to the public, may travel within evacuated areas and exceed curfews, provided the State Coordinating Officer determines, after consultation with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), that:

- A. Law enforcement officials in the declared area(s) can provide adequate security to protect the essential commodities from theft;
- B. The weight of a delivery vehicle will not jeopardize the structural integrity of any roadway or bridge located within the declared area;
- C. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact evacuation activities in the declared area(s); and,

D. Delivery vehicles will not negatively impact any response or recovery activities occurring within the declared area(s).

After consulting with the appropriate Emergency Support Function(s), and after consulting with local officials, the State Coordinating Officer may dictate the routes of ingress, egress, and movement within the declared area(s) that drivers must follow when delivering essential commodities.

Provided he or she is actually delivering medications, any person authorized to deliver medications under chapter 893, Florida Statutes, qualifies as a person delivering essential commodities.

In order to qualify as a person delivering essential commodities under this section, a person must be in the process of delivering essential commodities only. If an individual is transporting both essential and non-essential commodities, then this section shall not provide any authorization for that individual to enter into or move within the declared area(s).

Section 11. Consistent with Executive Order 80-29, nothing in this Order shall prevent local jurisdictions in any area not declared to be under a state of emergency by this Executive Order from taking prompt and necessary action to save lives and protect the property of their citizens, including the authority to compel and direct timely evacuation when necessary.

Section 12. I authorize the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds pursuant to section 420.9073, Florida Statutes, to any county, municipality, or other political subdivision located within the area(s) declared to be under a state of emergency by this executive order. The authority of the Florida Housing Finance Corporation to distribute funds under this state of emergency shall expire six months from the expiration of this Order, to include any extensions of this Order.



Section 13. All actions taken by the Director of the Division of Emergency Management with respect to this emergency before the issuance of this Executive Order are ratified. This Executive Order shall expire sixty days from this date unless extended.



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 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-225

(Amending Executive Order 20-224, Emergency Management – Hurricane Sally)

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2020, the National Hurricane Center reported that Tropical Storm Sally had strengthened into a Category 1 Hurricane; and

**WHEREAS**, there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, severe flooding, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for portions of Florida's Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Hurricane Center has predicted historic levels of flooding and extreme, life-threatening storm surge may be possible along the Northern Gulf Coast; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency exists in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Department of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has determined that dangerous flooding and rainfall levels could more broadly impact counties in Northwest Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the threat posed by Hurricane Sally requires that timely precautions are taken to protect the communities, critical infrastructure, and general welfare of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am responsible to 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 of the order is amended to include the following counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington.



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 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2020.

  
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RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
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SECRETARY OF STATE

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# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-248

(Amending Executive Order 20-224, Emergency Management – Hurricane Sally)

**WHEREAS**, on September 14, 2020 and September 15, 2020 I declared a state of emergency in multiple Florida counties in preparation for Hurricane Sally.

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2020, Hurricane Sally made landfall at 5:45 AM EST at Gulf Shores, Alabama, with hurricane conditions reported in Northwest Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as a result of rainfall, many Northwest and North Florida rivers rose to dangerous and damaging levels; and

**WHEREAS**, several roadways were closed, traffic re-routed, and local evacuations necessary to protect residential communities along the waterways; and

**WHEREAS**, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center, has determined that the dangerous storm surge, flooding and rainfall levels more broadly impacted counties in Northwest Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, as Governor, I am responsible for meeting 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 20-224 is amended to include the following counties: Escambia, Santa Rosa, Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Walton, and Washington Counties.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-224 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 1st day of October, 2020.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
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