

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 21-151

(Amending Executive Order 21-150, Emergency Management – Tropical Storm Elsa)

WHEREAS, on July 3, 2021, I issued Executive Order No. 21-150 and declared a state of emergency exists for several counties on the West and South coast of Florida due to Tropical Storm Elsa; and

WHEREAS, as 11:00 AM EST, Tropical Storm Elsa is approximately 215 miles south of Key West, Florida and moving northwest, altering the forecasted counties that will be impacted within the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, there is an increasing threat to the Florida Big Bend and inland counties in North Florida; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Division of Emergency Management, working together with the National Hurricane Center to evaluate weather predictions, has determined there is a risk of dangerous storm surge, heavy rainfall, flash flooding, strong winds, hazardous seas, and the potential for isolated tornadic activity for the Florida Keys, western portions of the Florida's Peninsula and portions of the Florida Big Bend; and

WHEREAS, the threat posed by Tropical Storm Elsa 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. Section 1 of Executive Order 21-150 is amended to include the following counties in the state of emergency: Alachua, Columbia, Dixie, Franklin, Hamilton, Gilchrist, Jefferson, Lake, Lafayette, Madison, Marion, Sumter, Suwannee, Taylor and Wakulla. Section 1 of Executive Order 21-150 is amended to remove the following counties from the state of emergency: DeSoto, Hardee and Miami-Dade.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 21-150 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 5th day of July, 2021.


GOVERNOR

ATTEST:


SECRETARY OF STATE

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

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