

STATE OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 17-304

(Emergency Management – Extension of Executive Order 17-259)

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2017, Hurricane Maria became a Category 5 Hurricane upon its first landfall on Dominica; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2017, Hurricane Maria made landfall near Yabucoa, Puerto Rico as a Category 4 Hurricane; and

WHEREAS, the damage caused by Hurricane Maria is catastrophic, leaving millions of families without shelter, electricity or clean water; and

WHEREAS, more than 195,000 evacuees have traveled to Florida in the aftermath of Hurricane Maria; and

WHEREAS, every day more evacuees are expected to come to Florida; and

WHEREAS, on October 2, 2017, I issued Executive Order 17-259 declaring a state of emergency for every county in Florida due to the efforts required to assist the people of Puerto Rico; and

WHEREAS, no state of emergency declared pursuant to the Florida Emergency Management Act may continue for more than 60 days unless renewed by the Governor;

WHEREAS, the State of Florida remains committed to helping every family recover from this devastating storm; and

WHEREAS, the effects of Hurricane Maria pose a continuing threat to the health, safety and welfare of the State of Florida, its residents, and the families who evacuated from Puerto Rico.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICK SCOTT, 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 Executive Order 17-259 will be extended for 60 days following the issuance of this order.

Section 2. 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's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and other response, recovery, and mitigation plans necessary to cope with the emergency.

Section 3. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 17-259 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 28th day of November 2017.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE

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