

# STATE OF FLORIDA

## OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

### EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 20-297

(Extending Executive Order 20-244: Phase 3; Right to Work; Business Certainty;  
Suspension of Fines.)

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-52, declaring a state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-244, initiating Phase 3 of the Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 3, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-276, extending the state of emergency for the entire State of Florida as a result of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Florida continues to suffer economic harm as a result of COVID-19 related closures, exacerbating the impacts of the State of Emergency, and Floridians should not be prohibited by local governments from working or operating a business.

**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:

Section 1. Executive Order 20-244, following the issuance of this order will be extended and remain in effect for the duration of Executive Order 20-52, as extended by Executive Orders 20-114, 20-166, 20-192, 20-213 and 20-276, unless otherwise modified or rescinded.

Section 2. Except as amended herein, Executive Order 20-244 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 24th day of November, 2020.

A large, bold, black ink signature of Ron DeSantis, written in a cursive style.

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

A black ink signature of Laurel M. Lee, written in a cursive style.

SECRETARY OF STATE

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