## STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

## In re: EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR SUSPENSION OF PROCUREMENT AND TRAVEL STATUTES, RULES AND ORDERS, MADE NECESSARY BY TROPICAL STORM LAURA

OGC NO. 20-1252

## EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT ORDER

I HEREBY adopt the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the Emergency Final Order, OGC# 20-1253, issued on August, 21, 2020, in this Order and find that the Department of Environmental Protection's timely performance of disaster response functions related to Tropical Storm Laura as assigned by the State Coordinating Officer are hindered by the application of procurement, and travel procedures imposed by statute, rule, or order.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-208:

A. I hereby suspend, to the extent necessary to ensure said emergency response functions, the effect of any statute, rule, or order, to the extent needed to procure any and all necessary supplies, commodities, services, temporary premises, and other resources, to include, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any and all statutes, rules and orders which affect budgeting, leasing, printing, purchasing, travel, the conditions of employment and the compensation of employees, as set forth in an established Tracker item at the Florida Emergency Operations Center, as prescribed in the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan, as directed by the State Coordinating Officer, or as directed by the Executive Office of the Governor.

B. This Order shall expire on October 20, 2020, unless extended by the Department.

Executed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of August 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

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Noah Valenstein, Secretary 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000

FILED on this date, pursuant to §120.52 Florida Statutes, with the designated Department Clerk, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

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<u>August 21, 2020</u> DATE