WHEREAS, much of Florida, including Central Florida and South Florida, is experiencing significant drought conditions; and

WHEREAS, large wildfires occurred in several Florida counties; and

WHEREAS, on April 11, 2017, I issued Executive Order 17-120, declaring a state of emergency in the State of Florida due to the danger of wildfires; 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; and

WHEREAS, based on information from state and local authorities, the ongoing danger of wildfires threatens the State of Florida;

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 17-120 is extended for an additional 60 days.

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 17-120 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 9th day of June 2017.

RICK SCOTT, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE