

October 8, 2018

The Honorable Rick Scott
Governor, State of Florida
The Capitol
Tallahassee, FL 32399

The Honorable Ken Detzner
Secretary of State, State of Florida
R.A. Gray Building
500 South Bronough Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott and Secretary Detzner:

Governor Scott has issued two Executive Orders declaring a state of emergency in 35 counties in anticipation of Hurricane Michael making landfall in the State of Florida along the Gulf Coast. Additionally, evacuations have been announced in Bay, Calhoun, Franklin, Gulf, Hernando, Leon, Liberty, Okaloosa, Pasco, Santa Rosa, and Wakulla counties.

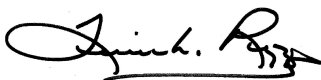
As you are both aware, tomorrow, October 9, 2018, is the deadline for eligible individuals to register to vote in order to participate in the November 6, 2018 general election. The impending hurricane will adversely impact the ability of these eligible, but unregistered, individuals who may have waited until the last day in order to register to vote. These individuals may forego registering, in view of your warnings regarding the danger of the storm as well as County evacuations, the need to prepare, and both announced and anticipated evacuation orders.

Additional governments in the area of the emergency declaration are considering closing on Tuesday in anticipation of the hurricane's landfall, also affecting the ability of these individuals to register.

In consideration of these exigencies and in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process, I would request that you exercise the authority vested in each of you, respectively, under Florida law, including the power vested in the Governor pursuant to Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, to extend the period of time for our citizens to register to vote, as necessary, to permit eligible individuals to register to vote in order to participate in the November 6, 2018 general election.

On behalf of all Florida citizens, I would appreciate your favorable action on this request.

Sincerely,





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