

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER**

**CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER DIRECTIVE 2020-11**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2020, the State Surgeon General and State Health Officer declared a COVID-19 Public Health Emergency in the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, et al., as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each state agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department houses the Division of State Fire Marshal, which is charged with licensing Firesafety Inspectors and ensuring

compliance with the training and continuing education requirements pursuant to section 633.216, Florida Statutes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Division of State Fire Marshal is charged with certifying fire service instructors pursuant to section 633.406, Florida Statutes, and ensuring compliance with the continuing education requirements provided in Florida Administrative Code 69A-37.059; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 illness has significantly impacted certificate holders' abilities to obtain the required continuing education hours before the expiration date of their certificates, and unless a waiver is granted; certificate holders will be statutorily precluded from renewing their certifications and continuing business operations; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the certifications of these essential fire prevention businesses and fire service professionals is essential to preserving the lives and property of the citizens of Florida.

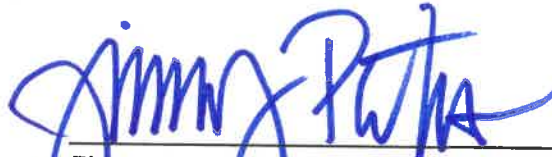
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, JIMMY PATRONIS**, by virtue of the authorities delegated to me by the Governor pursuant to his powers under Chapter 252, Florida Statutes, promulgate the following Directive to take immediate effect:

Section 1. Any Firesafety Inspector or holder of a Fire Service Instructor Certificate, as defined in sections 633.102 and 633.406, F.S., respectively, whose

license will expire prior to September 30, 2020, may submit the renewal application for their certificate on or before September 30, 2020 with proof of completed continuing education hours, and such renewal application shall be deemed timely submitted. This Directive extends the May 31, 2020 deadline provided in CFO Directive 2020-03.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2020.

  
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**Jimmy Patronis**  
**Chief Financial Officer**  
**State of Florida**