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## Department of Revenue Extends Property Tax Payment Due Date from March 31 to April 15

**Tallahassee, Fla. –** On Monday, March 16, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis directed the Department of Revenue (Department) to provide flexibility on tax due dates to assist those adversely affected by COVID-19. Today, Department of Revenue Executive Director Jim Zingale issued an <a href="mailto:emergency">emergency</a> order to extend the final due date for property tax payments for the 2019 tax year. The Department also extended the due date to file railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property tax returns.

Order of Emergency Waiver/Deviation #20-52-DOR-01 applies to all 67 Florida counties. Property tax is normally due by March 31 in the year following the year the taxes are assessed. The Department waives the due date so that payments remitted by April 15, 2020, for the 2019 tax year will be considered timely paid. Property tax returns for railroad, railroad terminal, private car and freight line and equipment company property are normally due by April 1. Returns will be timely filed if filed by April 15, 2020.

The Department has implemented the filing date extensions pursuant to subsection 213.005(2), F.S., which authorizes the Executive Director of the Department of Revenue to carry out certain actions during a declared state of emergency. On March 9, 2020, Governor Ron DeSantis issued <a href="Executive Order Number 20-52"><u>Executive Order Number 20-52</u></a>, declaring a state of emergency in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak.

Property taxpayers who have additional questions should contact their <u>county tax collectors</u>. Railroad and private car line companies with additional questions may contact the Department at <u>DORPTO@floridarevenue.com</u>. Visit the <u>Department's webpage</u> for COVID-19 updates. For more information or to sign up for email updates from the Department of Revenue, visit <u>floridarevenue.com</u>.

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