STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 7LLL

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC AND RESPONSE – RESUMPTION OF CERTAIN JUVENILE COURT REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I issued a declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, proclaiming a state of emergency throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declaration, I have issued sixty-three (63) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to slow transmission of COVID-19, including cancellation of gatherings of ten people or more and social distancing in smaller gatherings; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms and through aerosol transmission; and

WHEREAS, upon a proclamation that a public health or civil preparedness emergency exists, section 28-9(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes authorizes the modification or suspension in whole or in part by executive order of any statute or regulation or requirement or part thereof that conflicts with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions or the protection of public health; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7G, Section 2, dated March 19, 2020, suspended all statutory (1) location or venue requirements; (2) time requirements, statutes of limitation or other limitations or deadlines relating to service of process, court proceedings or court filings; and (3) all time requirements or deadlines related to the Supreme, Appellate and Superior courts or their judicial officials to issue notices, hold court, hear matters and/or render decisions; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 7YY, Section 1, dated June 10, 2020, amended Executive Order No. 7G, Section 2 to allow the resumption of requirements or deadlines related to Supreme Court or Appellate Court filings in cases pending before those courts; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with the Chief Court Administrator on behalf of the Chief Justice, I have determined that the Judicial Branch may safely resume certain additional court operations and reinstate certain time requirements and deadlines necessary for such resumption; and

WHEREAS, the Judicial Branch intends to issue guidance related to this order in conjunction with its publication;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT:**

1. **Resumption of Requirements and Deadlines in Child Protection Matters.** Executive Order No. 7G, Section 2, dated March 19, 2020, is amended to provide that the suspension of requirements or deadlines related to child protection matters (see subdivision (1) of subsection (a) of section 46b-121 and subdivisions (1), (2), and (3) of subsection (b) of section 46b-121 of the Connecticut General Statutes) pending before the Superior Court for juvenile matters in the civil session shall expire upon the execution of this order.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for six months, unless earlier modified or terminated.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 28th day of July, 2020.

Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State