STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH
Commissioner

Ned Lamont
Governor

Susan Bysiewicz
Lt. Governor

ORDER

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, Governor Ned Lamont (Governor), in response to the global pandemic of 2019 Coronavirus disease (COVID-19), declared a public health and civil preparedness emergency throughout the State of Connecticut pursuant to sections 19a-131a and 28-9 of the Connecticut General Statutes, to remain in effect through September 9, 2020, unless sooner terminated by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, due to the anticipated closure of the offices of the registrars of vital statistics throughout the state, which offices, in accordance with section 7-42 of the Connecticut General Statutes, are responsible, inter alia, for ascertaining as accurately as each such registrar can, all marriages, deaths and fetal deaths, and all births in such registrar's town and recording the same in such form and with such particulars as are prescribed by the Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has requested more timely submission of death data to assure necessary surveillance of COVID 19.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 19a-131h of the Connecticut General Statutes and in consultation with the Chief Medical Examiner of the State of Connecticut, I hereby **ORDER** that:

1. Any subregistrar appointed and authorized by a registrar of vital statistics pursuant to section 7-65 of the Connecticut General Statutes is further authorized to issue burial transit, removal and cremation permits **for a death occurring in any town within the State of Connecticut** for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency; provided, if such subregistrar is an embalmer or funeral director, he or she shall not issue cremation permits for any deceased person for whom he or she is providing funeral services; and

2. The Connecticut Department of Public Health shall be authorized to register death certificates as needed and carry out other duties related to the registration of deaths,

including, but not limited to, the issuance of burial transit, removal and cremation permits if the registrar of the town of death is unable to perform such duties for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency.

Ordered this 30th day of March, 2020

Renée D. Coleman-Mitchell, MPH
Commissioner