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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending Executive Order D 2020 003 to Provide Additional Funds for Response Activities Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in the State of Colorado

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, *et seq.* (Act), I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order amending Executive Order D 2020 003 to provide additional funds for response activities due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020 and requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act, on March 25, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources. The actions we have undertaken to date are not yet doing enough to reduce the spread of the virus, and we must take additional action to minimize the duration of this epidemic and of the disruption to our daily lives.

This Executive Order provides additional funds for response activities due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado.

II. Amendment

Paragraph II.C. of Executive Order D 2020 003 is amended to read as follows:

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-706(4), I order that eighteen million dollars ($18,000,000) from the Disaster Emergency Fund be encumbered for response

activities related to the COVID-19. These funds shall remain available for this purpose until twelve (12) months from March 26, 2020 and any unexpended funds shall remain in the Disaster Emergency Fund.

III. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty (30) days from March 26, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order except that the funds described in Section II.C. shall remain available for the described purposes and the described time period stated in Section II.C. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 003 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty sixth Day of March, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor