COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

Fourth Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)

Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Further Extend Certain Administrative Actions to Support the Department's Phased Reopening

Importance of the Issue

Executive Directive Seven (2020) initially issued on March 17, 2020, directed the closure of Department of Motor Vehicle (DMV) Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide effective March 18, 2020, as part of the Commonwealth's response to and mitigation of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. The Third Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020) issued on May 27, 2020, extended the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to 90 days not to exceed August 31, 2020.

Since that time, Executive Orders Sixty-One and Public Health Emergency Three, Executive Order Sixty-Two Public Health Emergency Four, and Sixty-Five and Public Health Emergency Four and Six have been issued, and where applicable, amended to provide guidance for easing various imposed restrictions related to the pandemic. The DMV began a phased reopening of the DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations to the public, with limited operations by appointment, on May 18, 2020. As of June 22, 35 of the 75 DMV CSCs have reopened and with full subscription of available appointments.

The phased reopening of DMV offices necessitated by the pandemic limited DMV operations and now poses additional challenges to providing Virginians services within the time period provided by Third Amended Executive Directive Seven. This new occurrence makes additional action necessary to maintain the validity of Virginian's driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credentials.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the DMV to undertake the following additional measures:

- DMV CSC, DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations shall continue the phased reopening to the public with limited operations by appointment that began on May 18, 2020. Online and mail services will continue to remain available to customers.

- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before July 31, 2020, for up to an additional 90 days not to exceed October 31, 2020. Such action will provide customers additional time beyond the current extension period in the Third Amended Executive Directive Seven to obtain an appointment as needed to renew their credentials.

Effective Date of this Amended Executive Directive

This Executive Directive shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or further amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 25th day of June, 2020.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth