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EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE
DUE TO A PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT

WHEREAS, in connection with the serious public health threat from the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") that has impacted the State of Delaware, I issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency for the entire state at 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS, during the past 29 days, I have issued ten modifications to the Executive Order to, among others things, limit social gatherings to fewer than 10 persons, restrict K-12 schools to distance learning only, close childcare to all but emergency care, restrict business operations to essential businesses only with non-essential businesses either closed or remote working only, order a shelter in place for all Delawareans, close table service in restaurants and bars, close commercial lodging to leisure guests, place a moratorium on evictions and foreclosure proceedings, require travelers from out of state to self-quarantine upon arrival in the state, and a number of additional measures designed to protect the public health, safety and welfare of Delawareans during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, after 29 days, the State of Delaware is facing a serious public health threat

from COVID-19 and the harm to life remains significant; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Delaware's emergency management statutes, a State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor may not continue for more than 30 days without being renewed; and

WHEREAS, I find that the conditions necessitating a State of Emergency continue to exist and require that the State of Emergency remain in effect.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, hereby declare:

1.   The State of Emergency due to COVID-19, first declared March 12, 2020 and subsequently modified as set forth above is extended, effective immediately.

2.   Pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, all provisions of the State of Emergency and its ten modifications currently in place shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with state law.

APPROVED this 10th day of April 2020 at 3:30 p.m.

Governor