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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Order D 2020 050 Declaring Insufficient Revenues Available for Expenditures and Ordering Suspension or Discontinuation of Portions of Certain State Programs and Services to Meet a Revenue Shortfall 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, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order rescinding Executive Order D 2020 050 because House Bill 2020-1360 (HB20-1360) replicated Executive Order D 2020 050's suspension or discontinuation of two hundred twenty-eight million six hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars ($228,685,915) in government programs through the end of fiscal year (FY) 2019-20.

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 widespread community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, and D 2020 109. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 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.

COVID-19 presents the largest public health emergency in Colorado, the country, and the world in a generation. The health and economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 has necessitated closure or limited operation of many businesses. As a result, unemployment has increased and social distancing policies in Colorado and across the country have led to a decline in consumer spending. As the State continues to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has become increasingly evident that the prolonged period of economic disruption associated with COVID-19 is causing precipitous and significant revenue shortfalls for the State.

On April 30, 2020, I signed Executive Order D 2020 050, which suspended or discontinued two hundred twenty-eight million six hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars ($228,685,915) in government programs through the end of FY 2019-20. On June 12, 2020, the General Assembly passed HB20-1360, which included an addendum to the FY 2019-20 budget that replicated the cuts I ordered in Executive Order D 2020 050. Yesterday, I signed HB20-1360 and Executive Order D 2020 050 is no longer necessary and is rescinded.

II. Directive

I rescind Executive Order D 2020 050 because HB20-1360 replicated Executive Order D 2020 050's suspension or discontinuation of two hundred twenty-eight million six hundred eighty-five thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars ($228,685,915) in government programs through the end of FY 2019-2020.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty third day of June, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor