THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

RENEWAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS: On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS: On April 8, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and

WHEREAS: On April 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until June 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On May 28, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until July 12, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 05.28.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On June 29, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until August 11, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 06.29.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On July 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until September 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 07.31.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On August 31, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until October 10, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 08.31.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On September 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until November 9, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 09.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On October 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until December 9, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 10.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: On November 30, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until January 8, 2021 by issuing Executive Order 11.30.20.01; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51 vests the Governor with the power to renew any State of Emergency for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS: There exists a continued need for protecting vulnerable populations, providing comprehensive testing, permitting economic flexibility with reduced regulations, providing increased hospital capacity, and allowing the state expanded flexibility for procurement; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with the Commissioner of Public Health, the Director of the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency, the Adjutant General of the Georgia National Guard, and other state health and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined the public health emergency created by the spread of COVID-19 persists in the State, and that it is necessary and appropriate to renew the Public Health State of Emergency for thirty (30) days.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Public Health State of Emergency declared by Executive Order 03.14.20.01 and renewed by Executive Orders 04.08.20.02, 04.30.20.01, 05.28.20.01, 06.29.20.01, 07.31.20.01, 08.31.20.01, 09.30.20.01, 10.30.20.01, and 11.30.20.01, which is set to expire on Friday, January 8, 2021 at 11:59 P.M., shall be renewed for thirty (30) days.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the Public Health State of Emergency shall terminate on Sunday, February 7, 2021, at 11:59 P.M., unless it is renewed by the Governor.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the terms of Executive Orders 03.14.20.01, 04.08.20.02, 04.30.20.01, 05.28.20.01, 06.29.20.01, 07.31.20.01, 08.31.20.01, 09.30.20.01, 10.30.20.01, and 11.30.20.01 are hereby adopted by reference.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Executive Order 04.08.20.05 is hereby extended for a period of thirty (30) days, and shall expire on Sunday, February 7, 2021, at 11:59 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall conflict with the provisions of any previous Executive Order or Agency Administrative Order, the provisions of this Order shall control. Further, in the event of any conflict, the provisions of any Quarantine or Isolation Order issued to a specific person by the Department of Public Health shall control.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That nothing in this Order shall be construed to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms or ammunition, or any component thereof.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any rights conferred by or any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

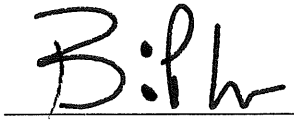
IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: The Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: All provisions of this Order shall become effective upon signature.

This 30th day of December, 2020.



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