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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-11

Temporarily requiring continuation of waste removal and recycling services

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with now more than 30,000 cases of the illness and more than 400 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 50 l (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, Kansas citizens and businesses practicing social distancing, maintaining good hygiene, and following other sanitation and health directives designed to decrease the spread of COVID-19 must be able to adequately dispose of waste;

WHEREAS, the people working in sanitation and waste removal are crucial in the fight against the spread of COVID-19 and their work must continue in order to promote and secure the health, safety, and welfare of all Kansans; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansas citizens in these challenging times, including securing Kansans' retention of residential and commercial trash

removal and recycling services to avoid immediate danger to their health, safety, and welfare during the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by K.S.A 48-924 and K.S.A 48-925, in order to mitigate the effects of the spread of COVID-19 I hereby direct and order the following:

1. All Kansas waste removal providers, including both trash and recycling removal providers, shall not cancel or suspend commercial or residential waste or recycling removal services for Kansas citizens or businesses as a result of nonpayment due to a significant loss of income or increase in expenses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. The provisions of paragraph 1 apply to all residential or commercial waste removal and recycling services, whether provided by a private company, municipality, or other organization or entity.

3. All other laws or regulations relating to waste or recycling removal remain in effect.

4. This order supersedes any contrary order by any local health department regarding waste or recycling removal and should be read in conjunction with previous executive orders responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any contrary provision in previous orders is superseded by this order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-11. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded, until May 1, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR Laura Kelly

DATED 3·23·2020

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