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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-21

Suspending the issuance of general nonresident spring 2020 turkey permits

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 460,000 cases of the illness and more than 16,400 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 a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, there have been 1,046 reported positive cases of COVID-19—including 42 deaths—in Kansas spread among 57 counties;

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 requires enhanced measures to slow the rate of spread, thereby saving lives and decreasing the significant burdens the COVID-19 pandemic is placing on our state's health care system;

WHEREAS, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment has issued quarantine directives regarding those who have recently come to Kansas from certain states or areas, and the spring

turkey hunting season brings to Kansas many hunters from those areas and other areas where COVID-19 has spread significantly;

WHEREAS, to secure the safety and protection of the civilian population it is necessary to impose heightened limitations to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansans in these challenging times to avoid immediate danger to the health, safety, and welfare of Kansans.

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 slow the spread of COVID-19 I hereby direct and order the following:

1. Effective immediately, the issuance of general nonresident spring 2020 turkey permits pursuant to K.S.A. 32-969 and K.A.R. 115-25-6 shall be suspended.

2. All other laws, regulations or rules relating to spring turkey hunting shall remain in effect.

3. This order supersedes any less restrictive order and should be read in conjunction with previous executive orders responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. Any less restrictive provision in previous executive orders is superseded by this order.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-21. It shall become effective immediately, and remain in force until rescinded, until May 31, 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 4.9.2020

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