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EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-20.1

WHEREAS, a state of emergency was declared by Governor Doug Burgum on March 13, 2020, in response to the public health crisis resulting from COVID-19; Executive Order 2020-03 activated the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), implementing appropriate response and recovery actions and future mitigation measures; and,

WHEREAS, to ensure North Dakota was utilizing all available health care and behavioral health personnel and resources to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to accelerate our active response, recovery and mitigation efforts, certain provisions of occupational licensing statutes and corresponding administrative rules were suspended under Executive Order 2020-20; and,

WHEREAS, to encourage social distancing and other preventative measures recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the State Health Officer, the suspension of certain in-person continuing education requirements for licensing renewals by health care personnel under Executive Order 2020-20 should be extended to include nursing home administrators, licensed under North Dakota Century Code Chapter 43-34; these individuals are responsible for the care of North Dakota's most vulnerable citizens, and are essential to the State's coordinated and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW THEREFORE, Doug Burgum, Governor of North Dakota, by virtue of the authority under Article V, Section 1 of the North Dakota Constitution and North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 37-17.1, in consultation with the State Health Officer hereby extends the temporarily suspension of in-person continuing education requirements for licensing renewals of health care personnel, to include nursing home administrators licensed under NDCC Chapter 43-34. This Order supplements Executive Order 2020-20, which remains in effect.

This Executive Order is based upon the following authority and issued for the following reasons:

1. The Governor is vested with the executive authority pursuant to Article V, Section 1, of the North Dakota Constitution.
2. The Governor is vested with statutory authority to issue executive orders, to minimize or avert the effects of a disaster or emergency pursuant to Chapter 37-17.1 of the

North Dakota Century Code.

3. A coordinated and effective effort of appropriate government departments is required to minimize the impact of emergencies and disasters in this state.

This Order will become effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the declared state of emergency or until rescinded.

Executed at the State Capitol in Bismarck, North Dakota, this 28th day of July, 2020.

Doug Burgum
Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State