State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 139

ADDITIONAL REGULATORY FLEXIBILITY TO MEET NORTH CAROLINA'S HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES NEEDS

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the undersigned issued Executive Order No. 116 which declared a State of Emergency to coordinate the State's response and protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") public health emergency and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia, retroactive to March 1, 2020, and the President declared that the COVID-19 pandemic in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2020, the President approved a Major Disaster Declaration, FEMA-4487-DR, for the State of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and for the purpose of protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the people of North Carolina, the undersigned has issued Executive Order Nos. 116-122, 124-125, 129-131, 133-136, and 138; and

WHEREAS, more than fifteen thousand people in North Carolina have had laboratory-confirmed cases of COVID-19, and hundreds of people in North Carolina have died from the disease; and

WHEREAS, hospital administrators and health care providers have expressed concerns that unless the spread of COVID-19 is limited, existing health care facilities and health care staff may be insufficient to care for those who become sick; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina and its hospitals and physician practices need to take all reasonable actions to expand the capacity of the state's health care system and improve its ability to efficiently respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, thereby reducing the probability that the demand for care in North Carolina will outpace capacity; and

WHEREAS, in some cases, these actions will require temporarily waiving or suspending legal and regulatory constraints; and

WHEREAS, in the coming days and weeks, decisions about adding and transferring resources will require real-time decision-making; and

WHEREAS, to enable rapid decision-making, the undersigned has determined that it is in the best interest of the people of North Carolina to provide the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (the "Secretary") with authority to modify or waive enforcement of certain legal and regulatory constraints as necessary in order to expand capacity and save lives; and

WHEREAS, North Carolinians who perform asbestos management, lead abatement, or lead renovation must be accredited or certified, and they must maintain their accreditations or certifications by completing refresher training courses; and

WHEREAS, due to the recent COVID-19 restrictions, North Carolina-approved training providers are offering fewer classroom refresher training classes, and online training is not an option; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should be authorized to extend the expiration date of asbestos professionals' accreditations and lead professionals' certifications so that these professionals may continue their important work; and

WHEREAS, in Subsections 1(2) and 1(3) of Executive Order No. 119, the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, delegated to the Secretary the powers to waive local health department mandated services requirements, extend the time period for public health nurses to complete training, and extend accreditations of local health departments; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that these delegations should continue; and

WHEREAS, under N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-34.4(a), local health departments which fail to maintain accreditation pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-34.1 shall be ineligible to receive funding from the Division of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, waiver of the enforcement of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-34.1 will allow local health departments in North Carolina with conditional accreditation to continue receiving critical public health funding needed to provide essential public health services, including response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, to meet these critical needs, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary requires authority to issue emergency facility guidelines adapted to the circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") issued several waivers of regulations to provide flexibility to health care providers and facilities, and to maximize the work force available to provide health care services during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should be delegated authority to coordinate with CMS and the President to optimally utilize the CMS waivers; and

WHEREAS, because actions to expand capacity, consistent with the CMS waivers, often affect a broad set of interlinked legal requirements, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should be delegated authority to waive or modify enforcement of those constraints; and

WHEREAS, people in North Carolina remain in need of child care for their school-aged children due to the closure of schools; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 130, the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, authorized waiver or modification of certain child care regulations; and

WHEREAS, the evolving situation during the COVID-19 pandemic continues to raise new issues, including needs for regulatory waivers that may develop at short notice; and

WHEREAS, due to the financial hardships that many child care facilities and families of covered children are experiencing, and to provide financial assistance, it is necessary to suspend or modify certain state child care regulations; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should be delegated authority to waive or modify enforcement of additional child care regulations; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") determined that given the high risk of spread once COVID-19 enters a health care facility, facilities must act immediately to protect residents, families, and staff from serious illness, complications, and death; and

WHEREAS, the CDC has recommended that health care facilities limit visitors to only those essential for the patient's physical or emotional well-being and care; and

WHEREAS, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and coordinate with the CDC, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should be delegated the authority to restrict visitors, in accordance with the CDC guidance, at facilities that serve as residential establishments for higher-risk persons; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Division of Employment Security has received over one million claims for unemployment since March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, historically, applications for Medicaid rise during periods of increased unemployment, and a surge in applications is anticipated; and

WHEREAS, because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have lost or will lose their health insurance, and it will be essential to extend Medicaid to them as quickly as possible so that there are no barriers to testing and treatment; and

WHEREAS, in the coming days and weeks, decisions on how to handle the anticipated surge in Medicaid applications will need to be made in a rapid time frame, depending on when and where surges occur; and

WHEREAS, CMS guidance on Medicaid and federal Medicaid regulations provide, in the event of a disaster, flexibility to states regarding procedures for processing applications for Medicaid and for verifying eligibility to participate in the Medicaid program for applicants and current beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should have authority to utilize, in this disaster caused by COVID-19, the flexibility granted by CMS and federal Medicaid regulations; and

WHEREAS, specifically, to expand capacity for COVID-19 treatment and handle the anticipated surge in Medicaid applications, the undersigned has determined that the Secretary should have authority, consistent with the flexibility granted by CMS and federal Medicaid regulations, to modify or waive the enforcement of legal and regulatory constraints that would prevent or impair the efficient and safe intake, processing, and disposition of Medicaid applications by county Department of Social Services ("DSS") offices; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Order No. 130, issued on April 8, 2020, the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, took a series of measures to expand the capacity of North Carolina's health care system; and

WHEREAS, the need for these measures continues, and it would be consistent to have the provisions of this Executive Order and Executive Order No. 130 expire under the same schedule; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has determined that there should be a common process for the Secretary to report her exercise of the delegations of power under this Executive Order, under Section 1 of Executive Order No. 119, and under Executive Order No. 130; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 116 invoked the Emergency Management Act, and authorizes the undersigned to exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to, recovery from, and mitigation against emergencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(2), the undersigned may make, amend, or rescind necessary orders, rules, and regulations within the limits of the authority conferred upon the Governor in the Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(3) authorizes and empowers the undersigned to delegate Gubernatorial vested authority under the Emergency Management Act and to provide for the subdelegation of that authority; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(4) gives the undersigned the authority to "cooperate and coordinate" with the President of the United States, and the orders and authorizations below cooperate and coordinate with CMS and utilize the flexibility provided in CMS waiver letters; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.10(b)(7), the undersigned is authorized and empowered to utilize the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of departments, offices, and agencies of the state in response to the emergency; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(1), the undersigned may utilize all available state resources as reasonably necessary to cope with an emergency, including the transfer and direction of personnel or functions of state agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(a)(2), the undersigned may take such action and give such directions to state and local law enforcement officers and agencies as may be reasonable and necessary for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of the Emergency Management Act and with the orders, rules, and regulations made thereunder; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(4), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may waive a provision of any regulation or ordinance of a state agency or political subdivision which restricts the immediate relief of human suffering; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30(b)(5), the undersigned, with the concurrence of the Council of State, may perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as are necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned has sought and obtained concurrence from the Council of State consistent with the Governor's emergency powers authority in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.30; and

WHEREAS, all the authority granted by this Executive Order is intended to be temporary, and the waivers and modifications of enforcement set out in this Executive Order are intended to extend only through the period where they are needed to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Public Health

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Asbestos and lead professionals**. To meet the goal of protecting the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary the following authority:

1. To the extent necessary to ensure that there are sufficient accredited asbestos professionals to perform asbestos management work in North Carolina, the Secretary may waive or modify enforcement of the expiration date of asbestos accreditations under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 41C .0602(e). Accreditations otherwise set to expire during this State of Emergency may be extended for up to sixty (60) days following the end of this State of Emergency.

2. To the extent necessary to ensure that there are sufficient accredited professionals to conduct lead abatement, dust sampling, and renovation work in North Carolina, the Secretary may waive or modify enforcement of the expiration dates of lead abatement certifications under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 41C .0802(e), dust sampling technician certifications under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 41C .0902(c)(3)-(4), and recertification requirements under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 41C .0902(d). Certifications otherwise set to expire during this State of Emergency may be extended for up to sixty (60) days following the end of this State of Emergency.

B. **Public health**. To meet the goal of protecting the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary the following authority.

1. The Secretary may, upon finding that a waiver or modification of enforcement will provide necessary relief to local health departments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not endanger public health, (a) waive or modify enforcement of local health department mandated services requirements under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 46 .0200 and (b) may extend the time period for public health nurses to complete training sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") under 10A N.C. Admin. Code 46 .0301(2)(b).

2. Upon subdelegation of authority from the Secretary, the Local Health Department Accreditation Board may, upon finding that a waiver or modification of enforcement will provide necessary relief to local health departments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not endanger public health, waive or modify enforcement of the accreditation scheduling requirements of 10A N.C. Admin. Code 48A .0205 and grant an extension of accreditation.

3. The Secretary may, upon finding that a waiver or modification of enforcement will provide necessary relief to local health departments responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and will not endanger public health, waive or modify enforcement of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 130A-34.4(a) to the extent necessary to ensure that conditionally accredited local health departments continue to be eligible to receive public health funding from the Division of Public Health.

4. Waivers, modifications, and extensions made under this Subsection 1(B) may remain in place for up to sixty (60) days following the end of this State of Emergency.

5. This Subsection 1(B) replaces Subsections 1(2) and 1(3) of Executive Order No. 119. Waivers or modifications previously issued under Subsections 1(2) and 1(3) of Executive Order No. 119 shall continue to be in effect for the time periods that were listed in those previously-issued waivers or modifications.

C. **Temporary nature of this Section**.

1. Waivers and modifications under authority of this Section are temporary and shall be effective only for the periods listed above.

2. The undersigned delegates to the Secretary the authority to reimpose any regulations, policies, or guidance for which the Secretary has waived or modified enforcement under this Section.

Section 2. Health Care Facilities and Agencies Providing Care

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Waiver or modification of enforcement**.

1. To meet the goals of providing all-inclusive care, preventing the spread of COVID-19 within a highly vulnerable population, and saving lives during the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to waive or modify enforcement of any legal or regulatory constraints, to the extent authorized by and consistent with federal law, that would prevent or impair any of the following:

    a. Providing hospice inpatient and hospice agency care.

    b. Providing adult care home care.

    c. Providing continuing care retirement care.

    d. Providing home care and home health agency care.

    e. Providing hospital care.

    f. Providing nursing home facility care.

    g. Providing ambulatory surgical facility care.

    h. Providing agency and health care facility care by health care personnel, including but not limited to nurse aides and medication aides.

    i. Providing emergency medical services.

2. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to accomplish the goals listed in Subsection (A)(1) above by waiving or modifying enforcement of any of the following regulations:

    a. Any regulations of hospice inpatient and hospice agencies, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13K.

    b. Any regulations of adult care homes, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13F and G.

    c. Any regulations of continuing care retirement communities, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13H, D, F, and G.

    d. Any regulations of home health and home care agencies, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13J.

    e. Any regulations of hospitals, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13B.

    f. Any regulations of nursing home facilities, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13D.

    g. Any regulations of ambulatory surgical facilities, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13C.

    h. Any regulations of health care personnel, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13O.

    i. Any regulations of emergency medical service providers, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 13P.

B. **Temporary nature of this Section**.

1. Waivers and modifications under authority of this Section are temporary and shall be effective only for the duration of this Executive Order.

2. Any waivers or modifications made under the authority of this Section for purposes of consistency with any applicable waivers issued by CMS will have a retroactive date of March 1, 2020. That is the effective date of the CMS waivers, based upon the President's national emergency proclamation. The President issued that proclamation on March 13, 2020 and made it retroactive to March 1, 2020.

3. The undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to reimpose any regulations, policies, or guidance for which the Secretary has waived or modified enforcement under this Section.

Section 3. Child Care

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Waiver or modification of enforcement**.

1. To provide additional access to child care services for "covered children," as that term is defined in Executive Order No. 130 and amended by Executive Order No. 138, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary the authority to waive or modify enforcement of the following:

    a. 10A N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 09, Child Care Rules.

    b. 10A N.C. Admin. Code, Chapter 10, Subsidized Child Care.

2. Prior waivers or modifications of these regulations pursuant to Executive Order Nos. 119 and 130 remain in effect.

3. The provisions of this Section supplement, rather than restrict, the emergency authority provided in Section 2 of Executive Order No. 130.

B. **Temporary nature of this Section**.

1. Waivers and modifications under authority of this Section are temporary and shall be effective only for the duration of this Executive Order. This Executive Order may be amended, extended, or replaced by subsequent Executive Orders.

2. The undersigned delegates to the Secretary the authority to reimpose any regulations, policies, or guidance for which the Secretary has waived or modified enforcement under this Section.

Section 4. Visitation Restrictions at High Risk Health Care Facilities.

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Waiver or modification of enforcement**.

1. To meet the goal of preventing the spread of COVID-19 in health care facilities, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to waive or modify enforcement of any legal or regulatory constraints that would increase the potential for the spread of COVID-19 in health care facilities, including but not limited to:

    a. Requirements for visitation in nursing homes; and

    b. Requirements for visitation in adult care homes and family care homes; and

c. Requirements for visitation in 24-hour care facilities for mental health, developmental disabilities, and substance abuse; and

d. Requirements for visitation in other health care facilities.

2. The provisions of this Section supplement, rather than restrict, the emergency authority provided in Section 7 of Executive Order No. 138.

B. **Temporary nature of this Section**.

1. Waivers and modifications under authority of this Section are temporary and shall be effective only for the duration of this Executive Order.

2. The undersigned delegates to the Secretary the authority to reimpose any regulations, policies, or guidance for which the Secretary has waived or modified enforcement under this Section.

Section 5. Medicaid Eligibility Application Processing.

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **Waiver or modification of enforcement**.

1. Health care remains an essential service during this State of Emergency, including the provision of Medicaid services for eligible North Carolina residents. To meet the goal of providing medical assistance through the efficient intake, processing, and disposition of Medicaid eligibility applications by county DSS offices during the COVID-19 pandemic, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to waive or modify enforcement of any Division of Health Benefits regulatory constraints that would prevent, delay, or impair Medicaid eligibility application processing for initial applications and redeterminations.

2. Without limiting the foregoing, the undersigned delegates to the Secretary authority to waive or modify enforcement of any of the following:

a. Regulations on quality assurance for client eligibility, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23A .0103(b)(1).

b. Regulations limiting the county DSS offices' ability to accept self-attestation from a client for any portion of the eligibility application prior to making an eligibility determination or redetermination, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23C .0101, .0201, .0103(a), and 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23E .0209(b). Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, however, there shall be no waiver or modification of enforcement of legal or regulatory requirements to ensure the authenticity of documents demonstrating clients' citizenship or immigration status, and county DSS offices shall not be authorized to accept self-attestations from a client for the portions of the application related to citizenship and immigration status.

c. Regulations establishing specific application processing standards or timelines for county DSS offices and establishing corrective actions for failure to meet the processing standards or timelines, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23C .0104(b), .0201(a), .0202, .0203, .0204, and .0205.

d. Regulations specifying where and how applications are accepted, establishing county DSS offices' operational hours for accepting applications, and requiring DSS offices to have in-person or face-to-face contacts for any portion of eligibility application processing, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23C .0101(b)(6), (b)(7), (d), (f)-(g), .0102, .0106, .0107 and 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23G .0302 and .0304.

e. Regulations requiring county DSS offices to act or take corrective action on certain changes in a client's situation that may affect Medicaid eligibility, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23E .0105(g), .0106(d), .0201, and 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23G .0201, .0202, .0203, and .0302.

f. Regulations that establish a specific timeline or process for when and how a client can access or obtain information, documents, or records about their case, including but not limited to 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23H .0107 and .0109. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, however, there shall be no waiver or modification of regulations related to consent to release client information contained in 10A N.C. Admin. Code 23H .0110, .0111, .0112, and .0113.

g. Regulations regarding liability of persons for failure to comply with the provisions of 10A N.C. Admin. Code Subchapter 23H, to the extent that the enforcement of those provisions have been waived, adjusted, or modified.

h. Any regulations that are related to the provisions listed above.

B. **Temporary nature of this Section**.

1. Waivers and modifications under authority of this Section are temporary and shall be effective only for the duration of this Executive Order.

2. Any waivers or modifications made under the authority of this Section for purposes of consistency with any applicable waivers issued by CMS will have a retroactive date of March 1, 2020. That is the effective date of the CMS waivers, based upon the President's national emergency proclamation. The President issued that proclamation on March 13, 2020 and made it retroactive to March 1, 2020.

3. The undersigned delegates to the Secretary the authority to reimpose any regulations, policies, or guidance for which the Secretary has waived or modified enforcement under this Section.

Section 6. Notification Process for Waivers or Modifications.

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above, the undersigned orders as follows:

Upon exercising any of the delegated authority described in this Executive Order, the Secretary shall notify the Office of the Governor of such actions taken. The Secretary shall also provide a summary to the Office of the Governor of exercises of the delegated authority described in Section 1 of Executive Order No. 119 and in Executive Order No. 130. The notifications and the summary required by this Section shall be made as soon as practicable under the conditions of the current emergency. The Secretary shall also notify the Codifier of Rules of waivers or modifications of regulations under the Executive Order provisions named in this paragraph.

Section 7. No Private Right of Action.

This Executive Order is not intended to create, and does not create, any individual right, privilege, or benefit, whether substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the State of North Carolina, its agencies, departments, political subdivisions, or other entities, or any officers, employees, or agents thereof, or any emergency management worker (as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 166A-19.60) or any other person.

Section 8. Savings Clause

If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person or circumstances is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, this invalidity does not affect any other provision or application of this Executive Order, which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are declared to be severable.

Section 9. Distribution

I hereby order that this Executive Order be: (1) distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (2) promptly filed with the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the superior court clerks in the counties to which it applies, unless the circumstances of the State of Emergency would prevent or impede such filing; and (3) distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Executive Order.

Section 10. Effective Date

For the reasons and pursuant to the authority set forth above and set forth in Executive Order No. 130, the undersigned orders as follows:

A. **When this Executive Order goes into effect**. Except where otherwise stated above, this Executive Order is effective immediately.

B. **Duration of child care provisions**. Section 3 of this Executive Order shall remain in effect through 5:00 pm on May 22, 2020. This is consistent with the duration of Section 2 of Executive Order No. 130, which is on the same topic. The duration of Section 2 of Executive Order No. 130 was modified by Section 4(C) of Executive Order No. 138.

C. **Duration of other provisions**. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until 5:00 pm on June 26, 2020. An Executive Order rescinding the Declaration of the State of Emergency will automatically rescind this Executive Order.

D. **Extension of Executive Order No. 130**. Executive Order No. 130, except for Section 2 and Subsection 6(A), shall remain in effect until 5:00 pm on June 26, 2020. The effective date provision of Executive Order No. 130 is amended accordingly.

E. **Future Orders**. Future Executive Orders may repeal, replace, rescind, or extend the duration or any other term of these Executive Orders. An Executive Order rescinding the Declaration of a State of Emergency will automatically rescind this Executive Order. Unless otherwise expressly stated in another Executive Order, the relief from expiration dates and waivers or modifications in Sections 1 and 3 of this Executive Order shall remain in effect for the periods of time listed in those Sections following the termination of the remainder of this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this 12th day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Roy Cooper
Governor

ATTEST:

Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State