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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21-02

Extending certain executive orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic

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 25,018,000 cases of the illness and more than 417,000 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020, and the Kansas Legislature extended that State of Disaster Emergency to March 31, 2021 by enacting Senate Bill 14 during the 2021 Legislation Session;

WHEREAS, as of this date, there have been over 269,255 positive cases of COVID-19 in Kansas, spread among all 105 counties and 3,622 deaths as a result of the illness;

WHEREAS, since March 12, 2020, I have issued emergency executive orders to address or combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on Kansans;

WHEREAS, several of those orders expire on January 26, 2021, yet the reasons for those orders persist and they remain necessary to enable the state to respond to and deal with the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the Legislature, by Senate Bill 14 enacted during the 2021 Legislative Session, has extended the State of Disaster Emergency relating to COVID-19 through March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansans in these challenging times, including providing relief that will help 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(b), including the specific subsections of K.S.A. 48-925(c) set out in each of the individual orders listed below, to continue the emergency response efforts and other measures dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic I hereby direct and order the following:

1. Each executive order listed below is incorporated herein by reference and is hereby re-issued and remains in effect until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency extended by Senate Bill 14, enacted during the 2021 Legislative Session, relating to COVID-19 expires, or until the order is rescinded, whichever is earlier.

    a. 20-37 – Allowing certain deferred tax deadlines and payments during state of disaster emergency

    b. 20-39 – Extending professional and occupational licenses during state of disaster emergency

    c. 20-40 – Temporarily allowing notaries and witnesses to act via audio-video communication technology during state of disaster emergency

    d. 20-43 – Temporary relief from certain restrictions concerning shared work programs during state of disaster emergency

    e. 20-56 – Amended Licensure, Certification, and Registration for persons and Licensure of "Adult Care Homes" during state of disaster emergency

    f. 20-61 – Temporarily prohibiting certain foreclosures and evictions

    g. 20-66 – Amended provisions related to drivers' license and vehicle registration and regulation during state of disaster emergency

    h. 20-70 – Provisions related to drivers' license and identification cards during the state of disaster emergency

2. This order supersedes and amends the expiration dates noted in each executive order listed in paragraph 1 above.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 21-02. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until the earlier of its rescission or the expiration of the statewide State of Disaster Emergency extended by Section 3 of Senate Bill 14 enacted during the 2021 Legislative Session and as extended by any subsequent enactment or resolution.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR _____

DATED 1.26.21

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