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BY HIS EXCELLENCY
CHRISTOPHER T. SUNUNU, GOVERNOR

Emergency Order #28 Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 as Extended by Executive Order 2020-05

Temporary non-congregate sheltering order to reduce the spread of COVID-19

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-04, An order declaring a state of emergency due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor activated the Emergency Operations Center at the Incident Planning and Operations Center in Concord to assist in the State's response to the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, on Monday, March 23, 2020, the first New Hampshire death resulting from COVID-19 occurred; and

WHEREAS, as of Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reports that every U.S. state has reported cases of COVID-19 to the CDC, and that 304,826 confirmed cases of COVID-19 have occurred in the United States and territorial partners with 7,616 deaths; and

WHEREAS, experts anticipate that while a high percentage of individuals affected by COVID-19 will experience mild flu-like symptoms, some will have severe symptoms and require hospitalization, particularly individuals who are elderly or already have underlying chronic health conditions; and

WHEREAS, experts indicate that COVID-19 is most commonly spread from an infected symptomatic person to others through respiratory droplets, including:

- Through the air by coughing and sneezing;
- Close personal contact, such as touching or shaking hands;
- Touching an object or surface with the virus on it, then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands.

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that COVID-19 may be spread before an infected person shows

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symptoms of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the CDC reports that COVID-19 is spread mainly from person to person, that COVID-19 is currently spreading very easily and sustainably, and that the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to COVID-19; and
WHEREAS, as of Friday, April 3, 2020, the CDC reports that the United States is currently in the acceleration phase of the pandemic; and

WHEREAS, as of Friday, April 3, 2020, the CDC reports that 50 U.S. states and territorial partners are reporting some community spread of COVID-19, meaning people have been infected with the virus who may not have the usual risks of international travel or known contact with a confirmed case; and

WHEREAS, as of Sunday, April 5, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health Services has reported 669 cases of COVID-19; 9 deaths; 92 hospitalizations; 2,100 individuals are being monitored; and all 10 counties in the State have been impacted; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health has found that community-based transmission of COVID-19 continues to increase in the State and has been identified in the majority of counties; and

WHEREAS, the White House and CDC have extended their Slow the Spread Guidelines for COVID-19 to April 30, and these guidelines direct Americans to, among other things, work from home whenever possible; avoid social gatherings of more than 10 people; avoid eating and drinking at bars, restaurants and food courts; and avoid discretionary travel; and

WHEREAS, on April 3, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-05, extending the State of Emergency Declared in Executive Order 2020-04 for an additional 21 days; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 among New Hampshire's most vulnerable populations.

Now therefore, pursuant to Section 18 of Executive Order 2020-04 as extended by Executive Order 2020-05 it is hereby ordered, effective immediately, that:

1. As the COVID-19 pandemic spreads throughout the State of New Hampshire, and in order to help to prevent the spread of this virus to our most vulnerable populations, I hereby direct State, local, and private sector partners to work together to do the following:

    a. Identify an isolation site(s) for COVID-19 positive individuals or those who have symptoms and who are experiencing homelessness.
    b. Create a plan and partner with local communities to assist shelters to reduce the numbers of individuals in shelters to provide adequate social distancing in an effort to stop the spread of COVID-19.

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c. Provide non-congregate temporary housing for first responders and health care workers who are at reasonable risk of having been exposed to COVID-19 and cannot return to their residence because of the risk of infecting other household members and other high risk individuals.

2. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for the duration of the State Of Emergency, unless earlier modified or revoked.

Given under my hand and seal at the Executive Chambers in Concord, this 7th day of April, in the year of Our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and the independence of the United States of America, two hundred and forty-four.

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