STATE *of* NEBRASKA

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

LINCOLN

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 20-09

CORONAVIRUS – RELIEF FOR RESTAURANT & BAR OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, in keeping with federal guidelines, the State of Nebraska has issued guidance throughout the State and has issued a Directed Health Measure applicable in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Washington, Lancaster, Saunders and Dodge Counties to limit gatherings to 10 people or less to combat the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, restaurants and bars across Nebraska are closing their dining areas and need flexibility to innovate by moving takeout service, delivery, and/or curbside service; and

WHEREAS, restaurants and bars will continue to serve Nebraskans throughout the pandemic by altering their customary operations in order to provide takeout, delivery, curbside and drive-thru service options.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, find these conditions merit the granting of a waiver of certain provisions of the Nebraska Liquor Control Act.

Pursuant to this declaration, Executive Order No. 20-06 is hereby amended, and I order the Liquor Control Commission to implement the following temporary change to provide relief to Nebraska restaurant and bar operations:

1. The provisions of Neb. Rev. Stat. §53-124 (6) (a) (iii) which mandate that alcoholic liquor be sold in original package only are waived. This change will allow pre-made cocktails and other alcoholic beverages to be sold so long as the containers are sealed with a lid or other method of securing the product, and not partially consumed.

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 26th day of March, 2020.

Pete Ricketts, Governor
State of Nebraska

Attest:

Robert B. Evnen,
Secretary of State
State of Nebraska