STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Administrative Order No. 2020-12

Recreational and Entertainment Activities

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No. 103, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor declared both a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, to further protect the health, safety and welfare of New Jersey residents by, among other things, reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 107 (2020) on March 21, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are also adopted by reference herein, which established social mitigation strategies for combating COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on April 7, 2020, through Executive Order No. 119 (2020), the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor declared that the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency continued to exist and further declared that all Executive Orders and Administrative Orders adopted in whole or in part in response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency remained in full force and effect; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 107 canceled gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, unless otherwise authorized by Executive Order No. 107; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), the Governor ordered closed to the public the brick-and-mortar premises of all non-essential retail businesses but also deemed a subset of retail businesses as essential and permitted their brick-and-mortar premises to remain open; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), the Governor ordered closed to the public all recreational and entertainment businesses, including facilities where personal care services are performed that, by their very nature, result in noncompliance with social distancing guidelines; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraphs 5, 6, and 9 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), the Governor granted the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of the State Police, the discretion to make clarifications to any of those

provisions, and to make additions, amendments, exceptions, and exclusions to the list of essential retail businesses and to the list of recreational and entertainment businesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, hereby ORDER as follows:

1. Recreational and entertainment activities prohibited under paragraph 9 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020) are also prohibited from taking place within the brick-and-mortar premises of essential retail businesses that are permitted to remain open pursuant to paragraph 6 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), or within the facilities of public, private, and parochial preschool programs, or elementary and secondary schools, including charter and renaissance schools, which are closed to students pursuant to paragraph 12 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020).

2. This ORDER shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 107 (2020) remains in effect or until I issue a subsequent amending Administrative Order.

May 6, 2020

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan

State Director of Emergency Management