STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM 2 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

ORDER PROHIBITING GATHERINGS OF 50 PEOPLE OR 50% OF PERMITTED OCCUPANCY, WHICHEVER IS LESS, AND ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF FOOD AND DRINK

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 01-20, Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and National Guard Call-Out ("Executive Order"), declaring a state of emergency for the State of Vermont in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since that time, additional cases of COVID-19 have been tested as presumptively positive in the State; and

WHEREAS, after receiving updated recommendations from the CDC, social distancing and mitigation efforts recommended by the Vermont Department of Health, and in consultation with neighboring states for a regional approach, the Governor has determined it is necessary to close all bars and restaurants statewide through April 6, 2020, although food service establishments may continue to offer takeout and delivery service; and

WHEREAS, it is important for all Vermonters to recognize additional reductions or prohibitions may be implemented as needed to the extent there is a growing trend of confirmed COVID-19 in Vermont.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Vermont by the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the emergency powers set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8, 9 and 11 and other laws, hereby amend and restate Section 6 of the Executive Order to further restrict the size of "mass gatherings," and prohibit on-premises consumption of food or drink as follows:

6. To help preserve and maintain public health, except as set forth below, I hereby prohibit all non-essential mass gatherings of fifty (50) people or fifty percent (50%) of the occupancy of a facility, whichever is less, at the same time for social, recreational or entertainment activities, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, gymnasium, fitness center, library or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

   A "non-essential mass gathering" does <u>not</u> include normal operations at airports, bus or railway stations where persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments or retail or grocery stores where large numbers of people are present, but where it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another. Questions from commercial entities, event sponsors and others shall be directed to the SEOC which shall provide appropriate guidance.

Effective Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. and continuing in full force and effect until April 6, 2020, any restaurant, bar, or establishment that offers food or drink shall not permit on-premises consumption of food or drink; provided however, such establishments may continue to offer food for take-out and by delivery. On or before April 6, 2020, the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend this Order as it relates to restaurants, bars, or establishments that offer food or drink.

By the Governor:

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

Executive Order No. 01-20 (Addendum 2)

Dated: March 16, 2020