STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM 17 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

[Modified Quarantine Restrictions on Travelers Arriving in Vermont; Municipal Regulation of Bars and Restaurants]

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020 and March 11, 2020, the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) detected the first two cases of COVID-19 in Vermont and almost two months later Vermont has experienced over 1,000 cases and 55 related deaths; and

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, the Executive Order expressly recognized the critical need to minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of Vermonters, and limit the spread of infection in our communities and within our healthcare facilities; and

WHEREAS, consistent with Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines regarding social distancing, and in consultation with the Commissioner of VDH, the Governor has directed a number of mitigation strategies for the State in order to protect individuals at risk for severe illness, including self-quarantine requirements for residents and non-residents travelling to Vermont to stay; and

WHEREAS, modeling studies done for the State clearly show that, but for the mitigation measures taken to date, the number of COVID-19 cases and COVID-19 related deaths in the State and the region would be having a much more devastating effect on Vermonters and would be threatening to overwhelm the capacity of the Vermont health care system; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has undertaken a cautious, incremental and evidence-based approach to restarting Vermont's economy and continues to do so with the modification of the State's quarantine requirements to facilitate travel into Vermont without home-quarantine for a period of fourteen (14) days, based on data regarding rates of COVID-19 infection; and

WHEREAS, the impact of COVID-19 on the Northeast United States has been significant with approximately 41 percent of all confirmed U.S. cases located within a 5-hour drive of the Vermont border, however, analysis by the State has found many counties in New York and New England currently have a low active case count making the risk of COVID-19 transmission for those traveling from those counties to Vermont low.

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 order the following:

1. Amendment to Addendum 7 to the Executive Order. Effective Monday, June 8. 2020, Addendum 7 to the Executive Order is hereby further amended to allow travel without quarantine restrictions to and from the counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut and New York with 400 or fewer active cases of COVID-19 per million, and as further set forth in guidance issued by the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD).

2. The Commissioner of the Department of Financial Regulation (DFR) shall report to the Governor on a weekly basis on the regional data regarding rates of COVID-19 infection, by county, for New York and each New England state. The list of qualifying counties shall be updated weekly and posted to the website of ACCD.

3. The Secretary of ACCD, in consultation with the Commissioner of DFR and the Commissioner of VDH, with the approval of the Governor, may, from time-to-time, determine quarantine requirements designed with reference to state and regional COVID-19 infection rates to be the least restrictive means necessary to preserve the public health and safety, ensure the healthcare delivery system is capable of serving all, and help protect those at the highest risk and vulnerability.

4. The Agency of Transportation and the Department of Motor Vehicles are hereby directed to post this guidance at all major points of entry into Vermont, on highway message boards and at the Burlington International Airport and all other Vermont airports.

5. Guidance for self-quarantine shall be made available by ACCD and VDH.

6. Vermonters planning to travel out of state should understand that each state may have its own quarantine policy unique to the needs of that jurisdiction to address the COVID-19 crisis. Vermonters are expected to be familiar with and respect the quarantine policies of these states when travelling.

7. Restaurant, Bar and Catering Operations; State Regulation. For the sake of clarity, Addendum 14 to the Executive Order is intended to authorize the Secretary of ACCD, in consultation with the Commissioner of VDH, and with the approval of the Governor, to, from time-to-time, implement the additional limited, incremental, and phased resumption of indoor and outdoor restaurant, bar and catering businesses, and update and modify the mitigation requirements and procedures regarding the resumption of those businesses.

   Further, for the sake of clarity, the Board of the Department of Liquor and Lottery (Board) is hereby directed to amend, rescind, or interpret its rules, procedures and permitting requirements as necessary, to allow first, third and fourth class licensees, licensed caterers and licensed manufacturers to resume operations in accordance with ACCD guidance for both outdoor and indoor restaurant and bar operations and catering events.

8. Municipal Ordinances and Regulations for the Restart of Bars, Catering Facilities and Restaurants. The legislative body of each municipality may enact local requirements which

are more strict than the guidance issued by ACCD regarding the operation of bars, catering facilities and restaurants, to address an outbreak of COVID-19 in the municipality.

Except as otherwise set forth herein, Addendum 7 to the Executive Order as amended in Addendum 14 to the Executive Order and as amended herein, and this Addendum to the Executive Order shall take effect upon signing and shall continue in full force and effect until June15, 2020, at which time the Governor, in consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, the Agency of Human Services and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Emergency Management shall assess the emergency and determine whether to amend or extend this Order.

By the Governor:

Philip B. Scott
Governor

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs

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Dated: June 5, 2020