STATE OF CONNECTICUT

BY HIS EXCELLENCY

NED LAMONT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 9A

PROTECTION OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC – EXTENSION OF COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDERS

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I declared public health and civil preparedness emergencies throughout the State of Connecticut as a result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to such declarations, I have issued sixty-eight (68) executive orders to suspend or modify statutes and to take other actions necessary to protect public health and safety and to mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (the "COVID-19 Orders"); and

WHEREAS, those COVID-19 Orders that are still in effect because they have not been repealed, superseded, or expired by their own terms are currently scheduled to expire on September 9, 2020 or a later date in the coming weeks by virtue of the terms of those orders; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic remains a grave threat to public health and safety and civil preparedness in the State of Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, public health experts have determined that it is possible to transmit COVID-19 even before a person shows symptoms and through aerosol transmission; and

WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to slow transmission of COVID-19, including limitation on the size of gatherings, maintaining a safe distance from others, and wearing masks or face coverings; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 has caused unanticipated health effects that are not well understood by the medical community, no vaccine or effective treatment for COVID-19 has been approved or made available for wide distribution, residents, businesses, and government agencies face new and unanticipated economic, fiscal, and operational challenges as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the unexpired COVID-19 Orders remain critical to the protection of public health and safety and the maintenance of civil preparedness and likely will remain critical to ensure the essential duties of government because they provide for an efficient and effective response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 2020, I renewed the March 10, 2020 declaration of public health and civil preparedness emergencies and also issued new declarations of public health and civil preparedness emergencies, which new and renewed emergencies shall remain in effect until February 9, 2021, unless earlier terminated;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, NED LAMONT, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Connecticut, and pursuant to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and renewed on September 1, 2020 and the new public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on September 1, 2020, do hereby **ORDER AND DIRECT:**

1. **Reissuance and Extension of COVID-19 Executive Orders to November 9, 2020.** Pursuant to the emergency declarations issued on September 1, 2020, all executive orders issued pursuant to the public health and civil preparedness emergencies declared on March 10, 2020 and renewed on September 1, 2020 (COVID-19 Orders) that are unexpired and currently in effect as of the date of this order are hereby reissued. All such orders or individual sections of such orders that were: (a) declared effective for the duration and any renewal of the public health and civil preparedness emergency; (b) scheduled to expire on September 9, 2020, or (c) scheduled to expire within six months of when they were issued are hereby amended to provide that they shall expire on November 9, 2020, unless earlier modified or terminated by me. Any unexpired, reissued COVID-19 Order or individual section of any such order that is scheduled to expire on any other specific date shall remain in effect until such specific date. By way of illustration, and for the sake of clarity, Executive Order No. 7OOO, which provides that it shall remain in place for six months, will now expire on November 9. The specific and contrary deadlines within such order, however, including the October 1, 2020 expiration of the eviction moratorium in Section 3 of that order and the November 12 expiration of the outdoor dining rules provided for in Section 1 of that order, shall remain unchanged and unaffected by this order.

2. **Extension of Agency and Municipality Orders of Concurrent Duration with Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies.** Any unexpired order, rule, regulation, directive or guidance issued by any official, agency, department,

municipality, or entity pursuant to an unexpired COVID-19 Order, which by its own terms provides that it shall remain in place for the duration of the public health and civil preparedness emergency shall remain in effect until November 9, 2020, unless earlier modified or terminated by the issuing authority or a subsequent executive order.

Unless otherwise specified herein, this order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until November 9, 2020.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 8th day of September, 2020.

Ned Lamont
Governor

By His Excellency's Command

Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of the State