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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-24

Extending Executive Order 20-16 to May 3, 2020,

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

WHEREAS, Kansas is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—with effects of illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

WHEREAS, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with more than 579,000 cases of the illness and more than 22,000 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 50 1 (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, there have been over 1,426 positive cases of COVID-19 in Kansas, spread among 62 counties and 69 deaths as a result of the illness;

WHEREAS, the continued spread of COVID-19 throughout Kansas and the potential for further spread in the days and weeks ahead threatens local health care systems with overload of hospital beds, personal protective equipment, testing and treatment supplies, and other critical resources for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, on April 2, 2020 CMS issued the *COVID-19 Long-Term Care Facility Guidance* to all states regarding the recommendations to help mitigate the spread of the 2019 Novel

Coronavirus and to advise states on how to comply with CMS and CDC guidance to keep residents and patients safe and to maintain adequate staff levels;

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2020, in order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 I issued Executive Order 20-16 ("Establishing a statewide 'stay home' order in conjunction with the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts");

WHEREAS, although significant progress has been made in the fight to slow and prevent spread of COVID-19, the circumstances requiring the establishment of Executive Order 20-16 still exist and Kansas has yet to reach the peak of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in these challenging times this Administration will do whatever it can to avoid immediate dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of Kansans, including protecting the health and welfare of residents through appropriate "stay home" orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by K.S.A 48-924 and K.S.A 48-925, in order to slow the spread of COVID-19, I hereby direct and order the following:

1. Executive Order 20-16 ("Establishing a statewide 'stay home' order in conjunction with the Kansas Essential Function Framework for COVID-19 response efforts") is hereby extended in its entirety and shall be effective until 11:59 p.m. May 3, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-24. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until 11:59 p.m. on May 3, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency proclaimed on March 12, 2020, relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR Laura Kelly

DATED 4.16.2020

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