STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1484

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Mississippi and Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(b)(17), I issued a Proclamation declaring that a State of Emergency exists in the State of Mississippi as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning on January 27, 2020, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic, and on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a nationwide state of emergency due to the coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and Mississippi significantly impact the life and health of our people, as well as the economy of Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Mississippi State Department of Health announced new and expanded measures to increase testing and data analysis to identify regions and localities that are at higher risk for transmission of COVID-19 and to provide more location-specific restrictions and limitation of movement and social interaction to combat the virus in those regions and localities; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, in order to minimize the risk of possible further transmission of COVID-19 and related measures, I issued Executive Order No. 1466 instituting a statewide Shelter in Place effective at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 3, 2020, and remaining in full force and effect until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 17, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1473 extending the statewide Shelter in Place, with certain additional exceptions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 27, 2020; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the guidance provided by the White House for beginning the process of re-opening the economy while minimizing the risk of a resurgence of COVID-19, the incidences of infection in Mississippi have stabilized; there is decreased utilization of hospital resources; a robust testing system is in place capable of promptly detecting any increase in the rate of infection; the healthcare system is capable of treating persons with COVID-19 and has the capacity to promptly react to any increase in incidences; and the State has in place a plan to rapidly scale up healthcare capacity in the event of an increase in the rate of infection; and

WHEREAS, Mississippi must protect lives while restoring livelihoods, both of which can be achieved with the expert advice of medical professionals and business leaders; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1477 establishing the statewide Safer at Home order allowing certain businesses to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 4, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1478 amending Executive Order 1477 allowing certain additional business and parks to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2020, I issued Executive Order 1480 extending Executive Order 1477 as amended allowing certain additional business to open and operate under certain conditions, until 8:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2020; and

WHEREAS, continuing to follow a measured and strategic plan to reopen the economy is essential to the health, safety, and well-being of Mississippi residents, and in consultation with the State Health Officer, it is necessary to amend certain provisions of Executive Orders 1458, 1460, 1464, 1477, and 1478 in order to allow government operations to resume under the limitations set forth herein, and to extend and sunset other emergency provisions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tate Reeves, Governor of the State of Mississippi, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, and in consultation with the State Health Officer do hereby order and direct as follows:

I. Paragraph 1 of Executive Order 1458 and Paragraph 7 of Executive Order 1460 are amended as follows:

> All state agencies, boards, commissions, counties, municipalities, public school districts, and other state and local entities are directed to begin the process of returning employees whose duties were deemed non-essential back to work, subject to controlling law and the Mississippi State Department of Health's and CDC's regulations, orders and guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

II. Due to the continued existence of a transportation emergency within the State of Mississippi, Paragraphs 2, 5 and 8 of Executive Order 1464 are amended as follows:

a. In accordance with 49 C.F.R. § 390.23(a)(1)(i)(A) and the FMCSA's Expanded Emergency Declaration issued March 18, 2020, the suspension of Part 395 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as outlined in Paragraph 2 of Executive Order No. 1464, is hereby extended until such time as the emergency condition defined by the FMCSA's Expanded Emergency Declaration ceases to exist.
b. The temporary suspension of the provisions and/or limitations of Miss. Code Ann. § 33-15-11(c)(1), as outlined in Paragraph 5 and its subparagraphs of Executive Order No. 1464, is hereby extended until such time as the emergency condition defined by the FMCSA's Expanded Emergency Declaration ceases to exist.
c. The expiration date of an apportioned registration issued under the IRP, as outlined in Paragraph 8 of Executive Order No. 1464, which expired in either March or April 2020 is hereby extended to May 31, 2020.

III. Paragraph I(b)(iii) of Executive Order 1478 is amended to allow pools to open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. subject to any limitations or restrictions as may be imposed by local authorities.

IV. Paragraph I(i)(ii)(2) of Executive Order 1477 is amended to allow healthcare professionals and healthcare facilities to resume performing non-emergent, elective medical procedures and surgeries, as clinically appropriate, that fall within Tier 1, 2 and 3 of the Non-Emergent, Elective Medical Services and Treatment Recommendations issued by CMS on April 7, 2020, consistent with guidance issued by the Mississippi State Department of Health.

V. Paragraph I(e) of Executive Order 1477 suspending evictions will sunset at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 1, 2020. The expiration of this provision does not affect the moratorium on residential foreclosures for borrowers with federally backed mortgage loans pursuant to Section 4024 of the CARES Act. HUD's guidance regarding the federal moratorium may be found at: https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH-HCV-Mod-Rehab-Eviction-QA.pdf.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Jackson, on the 14th day of May, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-fourth.

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