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EXECUTIVE ORDER
Extending Executive Order D 2020 005 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations Due to the Presence of COVID-19 in Colorado

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 008, for thirty (30) days from April 14, 2020, concerning changes to the 2020 primary election to limit in-person contact while allowing the elections to proceed safety and without interruption and changes to the Secretary of State's operations due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003 on March 11, 2020. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

We must take action to minimize the duration of this epidemic and the disruption to our daily lives. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Public health experts recommend we practice "social distancing," or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 008, for thirty (30) days from April 14, 2020. This extension will

allow the 2020 primary election to continue safely and without interruption while minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 008 and as extended by this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from April 14, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 008, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, fourteenth day of April, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor