COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

Executive Directive Seven (2020)

DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO TAKE CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION DUE TO THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

Importance of the Issue

On March 12, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and general welfare of Virginia residents require that state action be taken to help alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, § 44-146.17 of the *Code of Virginia*, and my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I direct the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to undertake the following measures:

- Effective March 17th at 11:59 pm, close DMV Customer Service Center (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations statewide for 14 days. During this time, online and mail services will remain available to customers.

- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, and special identification credential due to expire on or before May 15, 2020, for 60 days. Such action will give customers an additional 60 days, beyond the expiration date, to renew credentials.

- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by:

    - Waiving the two-student minimum requirement under the Virginia Driver Training Schools Regulations;

    - Waiving the student-to-student observation periods during in-vehicle instruction; and

    - Allowing one-on-one in-vehicle instruction.

Effective Date of this Executive Directive

This Executive Directive shall be effective from March 17, 2020, 11:59:59 p.m. EDT, and shall remain in full force and effect until May 16, 2020.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 17th day of March, 2020.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth