State of Iowa

Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of tens of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths associated with Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries across the globe; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued to coordinate the state of Iowa's response to this outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Proclamation of Disaster Emergency continues to be needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this disaster; and

WHEREAS, grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, and other retail establishments provide an important service to Iowans by providing access to food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods; and

WHEREAS, strict compliance with the permit and fee requirements of Iowa Code § 321E.29 and Iowa Admin. Code chapter 761-511 allowing oversize and overweight divisible loads under certain circumstances will prevent or hinder efforts to cope with this disaster in all counties of our state.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1 and 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby continue to proclaim a **STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY** for the entire state of Iowa and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

SECTION ONE. Pursuant to Iowa Code §29C.6 (6), I hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code §§ 321.463 (6) (a) and (b) and 321E.29 and Iowa Admin. Code chapter 761-511, to the extent that those provisions restrict the movement of oversize and overweight loads of food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods, and require a permit to transport such loads.

SECTION TWO. Suspension of these provisions applies to loads transported on all highways within Iowa, excluding the interstate system, and those which do not exceed a maximum of 90,000 pounds gross weight, do not exceed the maximum axle weight limit determined under the non-primary highway maximum gross weight table in Iowa Code §321.463 (6) (b), by more than twelve and one-half percent (12.5%), do not exceed the legal maximum axle weight limit of 20,000 pounds, and comply with posted limits on roads and bridges.

SECTION THREE. This action is intended to allow vehicles transporting food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods to be oversize and overweight, not exceeding 90,000 pounds gross weight, without a permit, but only for the duration of this proclamation.

SECTION FOUR. Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from any other portion of the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code not specifically identified in this proclamation.

SECTION FIVE. The Iowa Department of Transportation is hereby directed to monitor the operation of this proclamation to assure the public's safety and facilitate the movement of trucks involved in transporting food and other household goods.

SECTION SIX. The provisions of this proclamation shall be effective immediately. This proclamation shall not be construed to otherwise modify the proclamation issued on March 9, 2020. This state of disaster emergency shall continue to expire on April 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED AT DES MOINES, IOWA THIS THIRTEENTH DAY OF MARCH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND TWENTY.

KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

PAUL D. PATE
SECRETARY OF STATE