# STATE OF INDIANA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
## INDIANAPOLIS

**EXECUTIVE ORDER** 20-17

**FOR:** **RENEWAL OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

**WHEREAS,** on March 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-02 which declared a public health emergency exists throughout the State of Indiana as result of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States and a confirmed report that the disease had spread to the State of Indiana;

**WHEREAS,** on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a global pandemic, and, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency with respect to this dangerous virus;

**WHEREAS,** as of the date of this Executive Order, the virus has now spread to nearly every county throughout Indiana with more than 2,500 sickened and has caused 65 deaths, with these numbers increasing daily and expected to continue to increase rapidly in the weeks ahead;

**WHEREAS,** Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) provides that a state of disaster emergency shall continue until the governor: (1) determines that the threat or danger has passed or that the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist; and (2) terminates the state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation;

**WHEREAS,** Ind. Code § 10-14-3-12(a) also provides that a state of disaster emergency may not continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless the state of disaster emergency is renewed by the governor;

**WHEREAS,** despite significant steps being taken in our State, the virus remains a serious threat to the health, safety and welfare of all residents of Indiana such that the emergency conditions continue to exist, and further efforts are needed to address, control and reduce the evolving threat posed by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS,** in light of the above, it is necessary and proper to take further action to protect the health, safety and welfare of all residents of Indiana in connection with COVID-19 and, specifically, to renew the state of disaster emergency;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Indiana Constitution and the laws of the State of Indiana, do hereby order that:

1. The declaration of a public health disaster emergency set forth in Executive Order 20-02, dated March 6, 2020, is hereby renewed for an additional thirty (30) day period beyond its current expiration date of April 5, 2020. This public health disaster emergency declaration shall now expire on May 5, 2020, unless further renewed.

2. This renewal of Executive Order 20-02 shall become effective on April 5, 2020.

3. All other Executive Orders issued since March 6, 2020, that provide they are supplements to Executive Order 20-02 (listed below), are hereby renewed for the

same 30-day period as provided in Paragraph 1 of this Executive Order 20-17, except, however, to the extent those Executive Orders, or a provision(s) therein, specifically provide that they expire at a date prior to May 5, 2020. The above-referenced Executive Orders are: 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, 20-07, 20-08, 20-09, 20-10, 20-11, 20-12, 20-13, 20-14, 20-15, and 20-16. In addition, Executive Order 20-03, which does not indicate that it is a supplement to Executive Order 20-02, is renewed for the same 30-day period as provided in Paragraph 1 of the Executive Order.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Connie Lawson

ATTEST: Connie Lawson
Secretary of State

**IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,** I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 3rd day of April, 2020.

Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana