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WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a novel severe acute respiratory illness that is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmissions and is highly contagious; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Emergency Management Agency that there have been numerous confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in this state, and COVID-19 continues to pose a serious health risk for the citizens and visitors of the State of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, due to the presence and spread of COVID-19, I declared a state of emergency throughout the State of Missouri on March 13, 2020, and issued Executive Order 20-02; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2020, I extended the state of emergency through June 15, 2020, in Executive Order 20-09; and

WHEREAS, I issued Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08 during the state of emergency to provide greater flexibility to the State and its residents and provide necessary resources to address the COVID-19 public health threat; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-04 was issued on March 18, 2020, ordering the temporary suspension of certain statutory and regulatory provisions related to telemedicine, and motor carriers, and vested state agencies and executive boards and commissions with authority to waive or suspend statutory or regulatory requirements, subject to my approval, where strict compliance would hinder the State's response to COVID-19, and to ease licensing requirements to eliminate barriers to the provision of health care services and other professions; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-05 was issued on March 23, 2020, ordering the temporary suspension of prohibitions on the sale of unprepared foods by restaurants; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-06 was issued on March 26, 2020, ordering and directing the Adjutant General of the Missouri National Guard, or his designee, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri and to protect life and property, and further ordering and directing that the Adjutant General or his designee, and through him, the commanding officer of any unit or other organization of such organized militia so called into active service, take such action and employ such equipment may be necessary in support of civilian authorities, and provide such assistance as may be authorized and directed by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, through Presidential Memo #11, issued June 2, 2020, the President of the United States, by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207, and section 502 of title 32, United States Code, extended the activation of the National Guard until August 21, 2020, to continue federal support for the Governors' use to respond to COVID-19 and to facilitate economic recovery; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-08 was issued on April 6, 2020, ordering the suspension of the personal appearance requirement for notary publics and authorizing the use of remote electronic notarizations subject to the requirements set forth in the Order; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 20-10 was issued on May 4, 2020, extending Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08 through June 15, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the identification of additional cases in Missouri is likely to continue as we increase our testing capacity. Steps must be taken to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety as we reopen Missouri's economic and social activity; and

WHEREAS, resources of the State of Missouri continue to be needed to combat the public health threat caused by COVID-19 and to aid the recovery phase of the State's response to this emergency; and

WHERAS, an invocation of the provisions of Sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, are still required to ensure the protection of the safety and welfare of the citizens of Missouri; and

WHEREAS, the state of emergency and Executive Orders 20-04, 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08 will expire on June 15, 2020, unless extended in whole or part; and

WHEREAS, I find it necessary to extend the state of emergency and to continue and extend Executive Order 20-04, in part, and Executive Orders 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08 in whole.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Missouri declare that a state of emergency continues to exist in the State of Missouri and direct the Missouri State Emergency Operations Plan to continue to remain activated.

I extend the provisions, in whole, of Executive Orders 20-05, 20-06, and 20-08.

Executive Order 20-08, related to notary services, shall terminate on August 28, 2020, unless extended in whole or in part.

I also extend the order to the Adjutant General of the State of Missouri, to forthwith call and order into active service such portions of the organized militia as he deems necessary to aid the executive officials of Missouri, to protect life and property contained in Executive Order 20-06, extended by Executive Order 20-10. Executive Order 20-06 shall terminate on September 15, 2020, unless extended in whole or in part.

I also extend, in part, the provisions in Executive Order 20-04. I hereby terminate the suspension of provisions of subsection 3 of section 161.210, RSMo, and 5 CSR 20-400.330, 500-560, 590-610, and 640 relating to teacher certification with regard to qualifying scores on exit examinations and culminating clinical experience in terms of semester hours, weeks, and number of placements. All other provisions in Executive Order 20-04 remain in full force and effect.

The remaining provisions of this Order shall terminate on December 30, 2020, unless extended in whole or part.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, on this 11 day of June, 2020.

MICHAEL L. PARSON
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOHN R. ASHCROFT
SECRETARY OF STATE