COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

Executive Department

Third Amended Executive Directive Seven (2020)

Directing the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to Take Certain Administrative Actions Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Importance of the Issue

Since issuing the Second Amended Executive Directive Seven on May 8, 2020, the Commonwealth of Virginia has continued to implement aggressive measures to respond to and to mitigate the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and its effects on Virginians. **On May 8, 2020, Executive Order Sixty-One and Order of Public Health Emergency Four, later amended, was executed presenting a detailed framework of Phase One of the "Forward Virginia" plan to safely and gradually ease public health restrictions while containing the spread of COVID-19.** Therefore, it is necessary to **modify** actions previously undertaken to ensure the safety and wellbeing of Virginians.

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:

- DMV Customer Service Centers (CSC), DMV 2 Go, and DMV Connect locations **continue a phased reopening to the public with limited operations by appointment that began on May 18, 2020**. Online and mail services will continue to remain available to customers.

- Extend the validity of every driver, vehicle, special identification, and driver credential due to expire on or before **July 31, 2020**, for up to 90 days not to exceed **August 31, 2020**. Such action will give customers additional time beyond the expiration date to renew the credentials.

- Minimize customer contact during driver training at Class B Virginia Driver Training Schools by suspending behind-the-wheel training until **the date the locality in which the school is located enters Phase One as outlined in Executive Order 61 and Amended Order of Public Health Emergency Four. When these driver training schools reopen, they should adhere to the Guidelines for All Business Sectors as best practices linked here.**

- **In addition, when a Class B Virginia Driver Training School reopens, DMV will support the minimization of customer contact during driver training until the school's respective location enters Phase Two 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 Amended Executive Directive

This Executive Directive further amends Executive Directive Seven and shall remain in full force and effect unless rescinded or amended.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 27th day of May, 2020.

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth