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# D 2020 042

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Extending Executive Order D 2020 015 Authorizing the Executive Directors of Certain State Agencies to Promulgate and Issue Emergency Rules Extending the Expiration Date of Licenses and Other Documents Due to the Presence of COVID-19**

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the Colorado Constitution and the relevant portions of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701 *et seq.*, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Order D 2020 015 authorizing the executive directors of certain State agencies to promulgate and issue emergency rules extending the expiration date of licenses and other documents for thirty (30) additional days due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

## I. Background and Purpose

On March 5, 2020, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) public health laboratory confirmed the first presumptive positive COVID-19 test result in Colorado. Since then, the number of confirmed cases has continued to climb, and we have evidence of widespread community spread throughout the State. I verbally declared a disaster emergency on March 10, 2020, and on March 11, 2020, I issued the corresponding Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended by Executive Orders D 2020 018 and D 2020 032. On March 25, 2020, I requested that the President of the United States declare a Major Disaster for the State of Colorado, pursuant to the Stafford Act. The President approved that request on March 28, 2020.

My administration, along with other State, local, and federal authorities, has undertaken a wide array of actions to respond to and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, preserve our healthcare resources, and provide needed flexibility to address the collateral consequences of the pandemic.

The economic impacts of COVID-19 are significant, and threaten to undermine the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 has necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy have been hit hard. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 015 for thirty (30) additional days.

## II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 015, as extended by this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from April 23, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 015 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty third day of April, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor