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ORDER TEMPORARILY EXTENDING COVID-19 ORDER NO. 13

COVID-19 Order No. 32

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, I, Charles D. Baker, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared that there now exists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19");

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, in order to restrict all non-essential person-to-person contact and non-essential movement outside the home as a means of combatting the spread of COVID-19 within the Commonwealth, I issued COVID-19 Order No. 13, which designated certain COVID-19 Essential Services, as defined in the Order, temporarily closed the bricks-and-mortar premises of businesses and organizations that do not provide COVID-19 Essential Services, and prohibited gatherings of more than 10 people;

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020 and April 28, 2020, I issued COVID-19 Orders No. 21 and 30, respectively, which extended the period in which COVID-19 Order No. 13 would continue to restrict the operation of businesses and organizations that do not provide COVID-19 Essential Services;

WHEREAS, recent public health data indicate sustained improvement in key areas of measurement as a result of the extraordinary efforts of health care providers in the Commonwealth and the public's unselfish compliance with the restrictions imposed in COVID-19 Order No. 13 and other limitations imposed in response to the COVID-19 health crisis;

WHEREAS, the improving public health data permits a carefully phased relaxation of the restrictions that COVID-19 Order No. 13 has placed on businesses and other organizations,

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provided that any adjustment must reflect the reality that the Commonwealth remains in the midst of a public health emergency, as demonstrated by reporting from the Department of Public Health that as of May 14, 2020, 2,859 persons remain hospitalized in the Commonwealth as a result of COVID-19, with 781 of those in intensive care units;

WHEREAS, in order to execute a measured relaxation of currently existing restrictions it is necessary to extend the operation of certain provisions of Order No. 13 as other limitations of the Order are progressively removed; and

WHEREAS, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise any and all authority over persons and property necessary or expedient for meeting a state of emergency, including but not limited to authority over assemblages in order to protect the health and safety of persons, transportation and travel by any means or mode, regulating the sale of articles of food and household articles, and policing, protection, and preservation of public and private property;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order the following:

COVID-19 Order No. 13 is hereby extended to, and shall expire at, 12:00 A.M. on May 19, 2020. The provisions of COVID-19 Order No. 30, which extended the operation of COVID-19 Order No. 13 until May 18, 2020, are hereby rescinded and superseded by this Order. On May 18, I will issue an Order modifying in part and further extending in part the application of COVID-19 Order No. 13.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded or until the state of emergency is terminated, whichever occurs first.

Given in Boston at 7:05 PM this 15th day of May, two thousand and twenty

Charles D. Baker

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