STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
MANDATORY FACILITY CLOSURES

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No. 103, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor declared both a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, to further protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents by, among other things, reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 104 (2020) on March 16, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are also adopted by reference herein, which established statewide social mitigation strategies for combatting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 104 established that certain facilities including casinos, racetracks, gyms, fitness centers, movie theaters, performing arts centers, other concert venues, nightclubs, and other entertainment centers, while vital to the economic health of the State, are also locations where large numbers of individuals gather in close proximity; and

WHEREAS, suspending operations at these businesses is part of the State's mitigation strategy to combat COVID-19 and reduce the rate of community spread; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order No. 104 (2020), the Governor ordered closed as of 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020 certain facilities to members of the public including casino gaming floors, racetracks, gyms and fitness centers, and entertainment centers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 104 (2020), Governor Murphy granted the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, the discretion to make additions, amendments, clarifications, exceptions, and exclusions to the list of facilities closed to members of the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, hereby ORDER as follows:

1. The following facilities are added to the list of facilities closed to members of the public in accordance with paragraph 7 of Executive Order No. 104 (2020).

   a. All indoor portions of retail shopping malls. Restaurants and other stores located within shopping malls that have their own external entrances open to the public, separate from the general mall entrance, may remain open pursuant to terms and directives of Executive Order No. 104 (2020) for operating hours and takeout or food delivery services. All entrances and exits to the common area portions of retail shopping malls must remain closed.

   b. All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks,

water parks, aquariums, zoos, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, family and children's attractions.

c. Public parks and open recreation areas are excluded from this Administrative Order.

2. This ORDER shall take effect immediately, and the facilities listed above are ORDERED closed to members of the public effective at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. These facilities shall remain closed to the public for as long as Executive Order No. 104 (2020) remains in effect.

March 17, 2020

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan
State Director of Emergency Management