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GOVERNOR LAURA KELLY

# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20-49

Extending certain Executive Orders relating to the COVID-19 pandemic

**WHEREAS**, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of residents of the State of Kansas is this Administration's top priority;

**WHEREAS**, Kansas is facing a crisis—the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19—resulting in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens;

**WHEREAS**, the United States Departments of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency for COVID-19 beginning January 27, 2020, with now more than 2,600,000 cases of the illness and more than 126,000 deaths as a result of the illness across the United States;

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, a State of Disaster Emergency was proclaimed for the State of Kansas on March 12, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an emergency declaration for all states, tribes, territories, and the District of Columbia pursuant to Section 50 l (b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act");

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

**WHEREAS**, as of this date, in Kansas there have been 14,443 reported positive cases of COVID-19 spread among 97 counties, including 270 deaths;

**WHEREAS**, since March 12, 2020, I have issued emergency executive orders to address or combat the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on Kansans;

**WHEREAS**, several of those orders expire on June 30, 2020, yet the reasons for those orders persist and they remain necessary to enable the state to respond to and deal with the spread of COVID-19;

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature, by House Bill 2016, has extended the State of Disaster Emergency relating to COVID-19 through September 15, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, this Administration will do whatever it can to assist Kansans in these challenging times, including providing relief that will help avoid immediate danger to the health, safety, and welfare of Kansans.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Kansas, including the authority granted me by K.S.A 48-924 and K.S.A 48-925(b), (c)(1), and (c)(11), to continue the emergency response efforts and other measures dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic I hereby direct and order the following:

1. Each executive order listed below is incorporated herein by reference and is hereby re-issued and remains in effect through September 15, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency extended by House Bill 2016 enacted during the June 2020 special session relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier, unless a separate expiration date is noted below.

    a. 20-36 – Drivers' license and vehicle registration and regulation during state of disaster emergency

    b. 20-37 – Allowing certain deferred tax deadlines and payments during state of disaster emergency

    c. 20-39 – Extending professional and occupational licenses during state of disaster emergency

    d. 20-40 – Temporarily allowing notaries and witnesses to act via audio-video communication technology during state of disaster emergency

    e. 20-41 – Licensure, Certification, and Registration for persons and Licensure of "Adult Care Homes" during state of disaster emergency

    f. 20-43 – Temporary relief from certain restrictions concerning shared work programs during state of disaster emergency

2. This order supersedes and amends the expiration dates noted in each executive order listed in paragraph 1 above.

This document shall be filed with the Secretary of State as Executive Order No. 20-249. It shall become effective immediately and remain in force until rescinded, until September 15, 2020, or until the statewide State of Disaster Emergency extended by House Bill 2016 enacted during the June 2020 special session relating to COVID-19 expires, whichever is earlier.

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE BY THE GOVERNOR _____

DATED 6.30.2020

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Secretary of State

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Assistant Secretary of State

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