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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 011 and D 2020 029 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Regulatory Statutes 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 Orders D 2020 011 and D 2020 029 for thirty (30) days, concerning the temporary suspension of certain regulatory statutes 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 there is 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 taken a wide array of actions to mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, and protect against overwhelming our health care resources.

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 hard hit. We must take action to shore up economic security, employment, community cohesion, and community recovery.

On March 20, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 011 ordering the temporary suspension of certain regulatory statutes due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado. On April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 029, which amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 011 until April 30, 2020, to include a number of additional statutory suspensions.

This Executive Order extends Executive Orders D 2020 011 and D 2020 029 for an additional thirty (30) days.

II. Amendments

Sections II.A, II.B, II.C, and II.D of Executive Order D 2020 011, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 029, are amended to strike the words "until April 30, 2020."

Each statutory suspension in Section II of Executive Order D 2020 011, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 029, is renewed for thirty (30) days.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 011, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 029 and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from April 30, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 011, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 029, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

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

Jared Polis
Governor