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Extending Executive Order D 2020 039 Ordering Workers in Critical Businesses and Critical Government Functions to Wear Non-Medical Face Coverings

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 039 ordering workers in critical businesses and critical government functions to wear non-medical cloth face coverings while at work and while serving the public.

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 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, D 2020 032, and D 2020 058. 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.

While we have seen indications that our efforts to "flatten the curve" are working, transmission of the virus continues to threaten Coloradans' way of life and livelihoods. As we take steps to return Coloradans to work, we must continue to take measure to facilitate reopening the economy while protecting public health.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 039 for an additional thirty (30) days from May 16, 2020, to protect Colorado workers and communities by requiring workers in critical businesses and critical government functions to wear a non-medical mask covering their nose and mouth while at work and while serving the public.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 039, as extended by this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from May 16, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 039 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this sixteenth day of May, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor