STATE OF VERMONT

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ADDENDUM 1 TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 01-20

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 13, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 01-20, Declaration of State of Emergency in Response to COVID-19 and National Guard Call-Out ("Executive Order"), declaring a state of emergency for the State of Vermont in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, since that time, additional cases of COVID-19 have been tested as presumptively positive in the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has determined, in consultation with the Commissioner of Health and the Department of Public Safety/Division of Vermont Emergency Management, to amend the Executive Order to further restrict the size of mass gatherings to the lesser of fifty (50) people or fifty percent (50%) of the occupancy of a facility; and

WHEREAS, this decision is based on the best scientific evidence available to the experts at the Vermont Department of Health in the interest of furthering "social distancing" and is expected to help prevent and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Philip B. Scott, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Vermont by the Constitution of the State of Vermont, the emergency powers set forth in 20 V.S.A. §§ 8, 9 and 11 and other laws, hereby amend and restate Section 6 of the Executive Order to further restrict the size of "mass gatherings," as follows:

6. To help preserve and maintain public health, I hereby prohibit all non-essential mass gatherings to the lesser of fifty (50) people or fifty percent (50%) of the occupancy of a facility at the same time for social, recreational or entertainment activities, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, cafeteria, theater, bar, restaurant, gym or any other confined indoor or confined outdoor space.

   A "non-essential mass gathering" does not include normal operations at airports, bus or railway stations where persons may be in transit. It also does not include typical office environments or retail or grocery stores where large numbers of people are present, but where it is unusual for them to be within arm's length of one another. Questions from commercial entities, event sponsors and others shall be directed to the SEOC which shall provide appropriate guidance.

By the Governor:

Brittney L. Wilson
Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs
Executive Order No. 01-20 (Addendum 1)

Dated: March 16, 2020

Philip B. Scott
Governor