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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 045, D 2020 080, and D 2020 114 Permitting the Limited Recommencement of Voluntary or Elective Surgeries and Procedures in Colorado

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 045, D 2020 080, and D 2020 114 to allow voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures to proceed under certain conditions.

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 coronavirus disease 2019 (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, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, and D 2020 125. 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 undertaken a wide array of actions to respond to and mitigate the effects of the pandemic, prevent further spread, preserve our health care resources, and provide needed flexibility to address the collateral consequences of the pandemic.

On March 29, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 009, which ordered the temporary cessation of all voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures and preservation of personal protective equipment (PPE) and ventilators in Colorado due to the presence of COVID-19. On April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 027 that amended and extended Executive Order D 2020 009. On April 26, 2020, Executive Order D 2020 009, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 027, expired, and I issued Executive Order D 2020 045 to permit voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures under certain conditions that minimize the risk of COVID-19 transmission to patients, healthcare workers, community members, and others by promoting safety and maximizing protection. On May 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 080 extending Executive Order D 2020 045 for an additional thirty (30) days. On June 24,

2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 114, extending Executive Orders D 2020 045 and D 2020 080 for an additional thirty (30) days.

This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2020 045, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 080 and D 2020 114, for an additional thirty (30) days from July 23, 2020 to allow voluntary or elective surgeries and procedures under certain conditions.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 045, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 080, D 2020 114, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from July 23, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 045, as extended by D 2020 080 and D 2020 114, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this twenty-third day of July, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor