ANDY BESHEAR
GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER

Secretary of State
Frankfort
Kentucky

2020-236
March 16, 2020

STATE OF EMERGENCY RELATING TO KENTUCKY ELECTIONS

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, a case of COVID-19 was confirmed in the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, since that time, 20 more cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth, with cases appearing multiple counties, including cases that indicate the virus is community spread; and

WHEREAS, this condition continues to endanger public health and safety and, if not contained, threatens to overwhelm the Commonwealth's resources; and

WHEREAS, state and local governments share responsibility for protection of public health, safety, and security and for taking appropriate actions to ensure the provision of essential public services; and

WHEREAS, I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and by KRS Chapter Chapter 39A, did declare by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, under such circumstances, I am further empowered by KRS Chapter 39A to order persons and groups to disperse from the scene of the emergency and to exercise all other powers deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to KRS 39A.100(1)(l), on March 16, 2019, Secretary of State Michael G. Adams recommended that I declare by executive order a different time

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for holding the May 19, 2020 Kentucky elections and recommended that the different time be 35 days from the date of the delayed election:

NOW THEREFORE, I Andy Beshear, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and by KRS 39A.100(1)(l), do hereby Order and Direct as follows:

1. All Kentucky elections scheduled to be held on May 19, 2020, including, but not limited to, the Democratic primary election, the Republican primary election, special elections, and local option elections, are delayed until Tuesday, June 23, 2020; and

2. The Kentucky State Board of Elections shall establish procedures for election officials to follow pursuant to this order.

This Order is effective March 16, 2020.

ANDY BESHEAR, Governor
Commonwealth of Kentucky

MICHAEL G. ADAMS
Secretary of State