Office of
The Governor

No. 10-A FY 20/21
DATE September 30, 2020

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 10 FY 20/21

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 and renewed states of emergency on April 14, 2020, May 13, 2020, June 9, 2020, July 8, 2020, August 5, 2020, and September 2, 2020, to authorize the use of emergency powers in order to expand and expedite the State's response to the serious health and safety risks of the highly contagious COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with 5 M.R.S. § 1710-G, the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and the Revenue Forecasting Committee met and produced a special, off-cycle revenue forecast for August 1, 2020, based on new information available as to the impacts of COVID-19 on state revenues; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 10 FY 20/21, for the reasons and upon the authorities set forth therein, extended the deadline for agencies to submit estimates of their expenditures and appropriations for the next biennium from September 1, 2020, to October 19, 2020; and

WHEREAS, 5 M.R.S. § 1665(7) requires the State Budget Officer to prepare and deliver, by September 30, 2020, a report containing a forecast of revenue and expenditures for the next biennium to the Governor and the Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the State Budget Officer will require an extension of the September 30, 2020, deadline in order to take into account the agency budget estimates for the next biennium in the preparation of her report;

WHEREAS, 5 M.R.S. § 1710-G requires the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and the Revenue Forecasting Committee to issue jointly, by October 1, 2020, a "stress-test" report that uses alternative economic recession scenarios recommended by the Commission in analyzing and detailing the stress impact such potential economic recession scenarios would have on the current General Fund revenue projections of sales and income tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Consensus Economic Forecasting Commission and the Revenue Forecasting Committee require additional time to produce the "stress-test" report due to the time and resources that were necessary to devote to the production of the off-cycle, August 1, 2020, revenue forecast;

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers include the authority pursuant to P.L. 2019, Ch. 617, Pt. H, codified at 37-B M.R.S. § 742(C)(13)(a), to reasonably adjust timeframes and deadlines imposed by law for state government when such an adjustment is reasonably necessary to mitigate an effect of the emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Janet T. Mills, Governor of the State of Maine, pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13, including but not limited to the authority referenced above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDER

A. The deadline for the submission of the "stress test" report required by 5 M.R.S. § 1710-G is extended to November 2, 2020.

B. The deadline for the submission of the General Fund and Highway Fund revenue and expenditure report required by 5 M.R.S. § 1665(7) is extended to November 16, 2020.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective September 30, 2020.

Janet T. Mills
Governor