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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 014 and D 2020 028 Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of Marriage Licenses Due to the Presence of COVID-19 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 014 and D 2020 028 for thirty (30) days, concerning the temporary suspension of certain statutes preventing the issuance of marriage licenses when county clerk and recorder offices are closed, due to the presence of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Colorado.

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 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 and D 2020 032. 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.

We must take action to minimize the duration of this epidemic and the disruption to our daily lives. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Public health experts recommend we practice "social distancing," or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 014 ordering the temporary suspension of certain statutes preventing county clerk and recorder offices from issuing marriage licenses when county clerk and recorder offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19. On

April 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 028, extending Executive Order D 2020 014 until April 30, 2020.

This Executive Order extends Executive Orders D 2020 014 and D 2020 028 for an additional thirty (30) days. This extension will enable Coloradans to continue to obtain marriage licenses while observing social distancing guidelines and minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 014, as extended by Executive Order D 2020 028 and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from April 30, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 014, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 028, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this thirtieth day of April, 2020

Jared Polis
Governor