THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On March 14, 2020, due to the impact of COVID-19 on the State of Georgia, I issued Executive Order No. 03.14.20.01, declaring a Public Health State of Emergency in Georgia; and

WHEREAS: The Georgia General Assembly concurred with Executive Order 03.14.20.01 by joint resolution on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS: On April 8, 2020, I renewed the Public Health State of Emergency until May 13, 2020 by issuing Executive Order 04.08.20.02; and

WHEREAS: On April 23, 2020, I issued Executive Order No. 04.23.20.02, "Reviving a Healthy Georgia," which outlined minimum guidelines for various industries; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(c)(4) vests the Governor with the power to perform and exercise such other functions, powers, and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population; and

WHEREAS: Code Section 38-3-51(d)(1) vests the Governor with the power to suspend any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of state business, or the orders, rules, or regulations of any state agency if strict compliance with any statute, order, rule, or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster; and

WHEREAS: In consultation with health and emergency preparedness officials, I have determined that the following actions are necessary and appropriate to protect the strength of Georgia's economy and provide for the health, safety, and welfare of Georgia's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO THE AFOREMENTIONED GEORGIA LAW, CODE SECTION 38-3-51, AND THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the routine inspection timelines under Georgia Administrative Rule 511-6-1-.10(2) is hereby extended by one hundred twenty (120) days for any permit holder of a food service establishment maintaining an "A" food safety grade for any such food service establishment which was scheduled to have a routine inspection at any time between March 14, 2020 and September 10, 2020.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the definition of "Hand Sanitizer" as used in Executive Order 04.23.20.02 shall mean any hand antiseptic, hand rub, soap, or agent applied to the hands for the purpose of removing common pathogens.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the definition of "Restaurants and Dining Rooms" as used in Executive Order 04.23.20.02 shall mean all entities defined as a "food service establishment" pursuant to Code Section 26-2-370(2).

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That authorizations issued by the Department of Community Health, in accordance with the direction provided in Executive Order 03.20.20.02, will remain valid and in force for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days from the expiration of the Public Health State of Emergency.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Executive Order 04.08.20.04 shall not be extended and shall expire pursuant to its original terms on Thursday, April 30, 2020, at 11:59 P.M.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the provisions of Executive Order 04.23.20.02, Section V specifically regulating bowling alleys shall be effective immediately; that theaters shall be permitted to begin in-person operations as provided in Executive Order 04.23.20.02 effective immediately; and that the provisions of Executive Order 04.23.20.02, Section V specifically regulating indoor theaters and cinemas shall be effective immediately.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall conflict with the provisions of any previous Executive Order or Agency Administrative Order, the provisions of this Order shall control. Further, in the event of any conflict, the provisions of any Quarantine or Isolation Order issued to a specific person by the Department of Public Health shall control.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That nothing in this Order shall be construed to suspend or limit the sale, dispensing, or transportation of firearms or ammunition, or any component thereof.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That if one or more of the provisions contained in this Order shall be held to be invalid, in violation of the Georgia Constitution, in violation of Georgia law, or unenforceable in any respect, such invalidity, violation, or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions of this Order, but, in such case, this Order shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained within the Order.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That no provision of this Order shall limit, infringe, suspend, or supplant any judicial order, judgment, or decree issued pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States, nor shall any person use any provision this Order as a defense to an action in violation of a judicial order, judgment, or decree by any court created pursuant to the laws or constitution of this State or the laws or constitution of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: The Office of the Governor may continue to issue guidance on the scope of this Order as needed through communication media, including social media, without need for further Executive Orders.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That the provisions of this Order shall be effective upon signature.

This 27th day of April 2020, at 3:43 P.M.

GOVERNOR