Executive Order 2020-46

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AMENDMENT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 10 (2019) CEMENTING ILLINOIS' COMPREHENSIVE 2020 CENSUS EFFORT

WHEREAS, Executive Order 10 (2019) established the Census Office within the Illinois Department of Human Services ("Census Office") and the Census Advisory Panel (the "Panel") and Executive Order 1 (2020) amended Executive Order 10 (2019); and,

WHEREAS, the Census Office and the Panel were established to help ensure a complete and accurate 2020 Census count for the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the U.S. Census Bureau suspended all field operations from March 2020 until at least June 1, 2020, in an effort to protect the health and safety of U.S. Census Bureau employees and the public; and,

WHEREAS, as a result of COVID-19 and the delay in Census operations, the U.S. Census Bureau has extended the deadline for field data collection and self-response for the 2020 Census from July 31, 2020 to October 31, 2020 to help ensure a complete and accurate Census count;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of Illinois, by virtue of the executive authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of the State of Illinois, hereby further amend Executive Order 10 (2019) as follows:

I. **Census Advisory Panel**

In light of the extended U.S. Census Bureau deadlines for the 2020 Census due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Census Advisory Panel shall continue to serve as an advisory board to the Census Office within the Illinois Department of Human Services to help to ensure a complete and accurate Census count in Illinois while the 2020 U.S. Census operations are underway. The Panel shall continue to serve as an advisory board and to meet, as it sees necessary, through December 2020 and will sunset and dissolve, effective December 31, 2020.

II. **Savings Clause**

Nothing in this Executive Order shall be construed to contravene any federal or State law or regulation. Nothing in this Executive Order shall affect or alter the existing statutory powers of any State agency or be construed as a reassignment or reorganization of any State agency.

III. **Prior Executive Orders**

This Executive Order supersedes any contrary provision of any other prior Executive Order.

IV. **Severability Clause**

If any part of this Executive Order is found to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. The provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

V. **Effective Date**

The Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon its filing with the Secretary of State.

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Filed with Secretary of State: July 9, 2020