Office of
The Governor

No. 9 FY 20/21
DATE August 31, 2020

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDERS 55 FY 19/20 AND 1 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 and August 5, 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, Executive Order 55 FY 19/20, for the reasons and upon the authorities set forth therein, imposed on May 29, 2020 certain rules related to vehicle passenger travel; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 1 FY 20/21, for the reasons and upon the authorities set forth therein, imposed on July 7, 2020 certain rules related to professional licensing requirements; and

WHEREAS, it is now desirable from reason and experience to update these Orders by amending the same; and

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers include under 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13 the authorities set forth in the above referenced Proclamations and Executive Orders and to delegate pursuant to § 741(3)(H) any authority vested in the Governor under 37-B M.R.S. Ch. 13;

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 authorities cited in the Proclamations, Orders and provisions referenced above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDERS

A. Passengers in Non-Commercial Vehicles. To provide greater flexibility for transportation in non-commercial vehicles, the provision in section I (F) of Executive Order 55 FY 19/20 that "persons traveling in private vehicles shall limit passengers to their immediate household members" is repealed and replaced by "individuals travelling in personal vehicles shall when practicable limit their passengers to immediate household members." The Department of Economic and

Community Development in consultation with other agencies shall issue guidance governing carpooling in personal vehicles and transportation of employees and others in business and government vehicles.

B. **Maine Board of Funeral Service Licenses.** To ensure adequate access to funeral service professionals, section I of Executive Order 1 FY 20/21 is amended to add that enforcement of 32 M.R.S. § 1451 and § 1506(2) is suspended for any individual who holds an active license with the Maine Board of Funeral Service, that is scheduled to expire on or before March 20, 2021. Such individuals may renew that license without satisfying continuing education requirements that would otherwise apply. The Department of Professional and Financial Regulation in consultation with other agencies may develop guidance to implement this provision.

II. ENFORCEMENT

This Order is subject to all available methods of enforcement including, but not limited to, those identified in previous emergency-related Executive Orders issued in FY 19/20 and FY 20/21.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order is effective August 31, 2020 and, unless sooner amended or rescinded, shall expire upon termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Janet T. Mills
Governor