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**STATE OF FLORIDA**
**DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION**

**EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-08**

**WHEREAS**, Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a severe acute respiratory illness that can spread among humans through respiratory transmission and presents with symptoms similar to those of influenza; and

**WHEREAS**, all counties in Florida have positive cases for COVID-19, and COVID-19 poses a risk to the entire state of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor issued Executive Order 20-52 on March 9, 2020, pursuant to the authority vested in him by Article IV, Section 1(a) of the Florida Constitution, the State Emergency Management Act, s. 252.31, Florida Statutes, *et al.*, as amended, and all other applicable laws, and declared a state of emergency for the State of Florida; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, in Executive Order Number 20-52, authorized each State agency to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute of that agency, if strict compliance with that statute would in any way prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency; and

**WHEREAS,** DBPR Emergency Order 2020-03 was issued on March 23, 2020, extending deadlines for licensure eligibility and examination eligibility through May 31, 2020;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, HALSEY BESHEARS**, Secretary of Florida's Department of Business and Professional Regulation, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order No. 20-52, find the timely execution of the mitigation, response, and recovery aspects of the State's emergency management plan, as it relates to COVID-19, is negatively impacted by the

application of certain regulatory statutes related to the Department of Business and Professional Regulation ("the Department"). Therefore, I order the following:

1. All deadlines for licensure eligibility and examination eligibility applicable to professions regulated pursuant to Chapter 455, Florida Statutes, and the related professional practice acts are extended through December 31, 2020, unless extended by subsequent order.
2. This Emergency Order supersedes section 4 of DBPR emergency Order 2020-03.

Executed this 9th day of June, 2020, in Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS
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Filed on this date, with
the designated Agency Clerk,
receipt of which is hereby
acknowledged.

Agency Clerk's Office

Date: 6-9-2020