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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Amending and Extending Executive Orders D 2020 005, D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, and D 2020 129 Concerning Limiting In-Person Contact for the 2020 Elections and the Secretary of State's Operations 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 amending extending Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended by Executive Order D 2020 008 and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, D 2020 129 concerning changes to 2020 election activity to limit in-person contact while allowing the elections to proceed safely and without interruption to the Secretary of State's operations 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 we have evidence of 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, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, and D 2020 152. 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 continue to 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.

This Executive Order amends and extends Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended and extended by Executive Order D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, and D 2020 129, for thirty (30) days from July 10, 2020. This extension will allow the 2020 election activity to continue safely and without interruption while minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

II. Amendments

Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, and D 2020 129, is amended to include the following:

K. I hereby direct that the major parties make any changes necessary to their rules to comply with restrictions that may arise due to the disaster emergency declared in Executive Order D 2020 003, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, and D 2020 152, including but not limited to, changes to proxy or quorum requirements, and that any such changes to party rules can be done outside the existing political party rules process.

L. I temporarily suspend the requirements of C.R.S. 1-3-101 *et seq.*, 1-4-1001 *et seq.* and 1-12-201 *et seq.* for political parties to conduct in-person meetings or transactions to allow the parties to conduct party business by remote participation.

III. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, D 2020 129 and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from August 8, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 005, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 008, D 2020 036, D 2020 061, D 2020 095, and D 2020 129, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this eighth day of August, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor