STATE OF ALABAMA

PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I declared the existence of a state public health emergency based on the appearance of the 2019 novel coronavirus known as COVID-19 in the State of Alabama;

WHEREAS that initial proclamation included provisions designed to assist in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and in mitigating the consequences of COVID-19;

WHEREAS I have issued supplemental proclamations to further address the occurrence of COVID-19 in the State of Alabama on March 18, 20, 23, and 26, April 2, 3, and 13, May 8 and 21, June 9 and 30, and July 2, 15, and 29 of 2020; and

WHEREAS new implications of COVID-19 come to light on a continual basis, requiring flexibility and adaptability by all levels of government within the State of Alabama;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of the State of Alabama, pursuant to the relevant provisions of the Alabama Emergency Management Act of 1955, as amended, Ala. Code §§ 31-9-1, *et seq.*, do hereby proclaim the existence of conditions that warrant implementation of additional extraordinary measures and relief during the state public health emergency now in effect in order to guard public health and protect human life. I therefore proclaim and direct all of the following:

I. Administration of Municipal Elections

I find that municipal election officials are having difficulty finding election officials and poll workers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. I further find that the statutorily required election training can be conducted in a manner that facilitates the recruitment of election officials and poll workers and that reduces the risk of COVID-19 transmission without undermining the purposes of the training. To these ends:

A. Notwithstanding the provisions of Ala. Code § 11-46-27, or any other law to the contrary, and only for the August 25, 2020 municipal election and the October 6, 2020 municipal election run-off, a municipality may appoint qualified electors from anywhere in the county or counties where the municipality is located to serve as election officials or poll workers at any polling place within the municipality. Appointments made pursuant to this subsection may be made at any time prior to the day of the election, and public notice of the appointments shall be given as required by Ala. Code § 11-46-27(f).

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of Ala. Code § 17-8-9 or § 11-46-30, or any law to the contrary, and only for the August 25, 2020 municipal election and the October 6, 2020 municipal election run-off, a municipality may conduct a school of instruction for election officials or poll workers via online video or recorded telephone call without publishing notice at least 48 hours before doing so.

FURTHER, to the extent a provision in this supplemental proclamation conflicts with any provision of state law, that law is hereby suspended for the duration of this state of emergency, and this proclamation shall control.

FURTHER, I declare that this proclamation and all subsequent orders, laws, rules, or regulations issued pursuant hereto shall remain in full force and effect for the duration of the public health emergency unless rescinded or extended by proclamation.

IN WITNESS, WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal to be affixed by the Secretary of State at the State Capitol in the City of Montgomery on this 21st day of August, 2020.

Kay Ivey

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Governor

ATTEST:

John H. Merrill

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Secretary of State