EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Order 2020-5 Regarding the Open and Public Meetings Act

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-1, declaring a state of emergency due to novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 53-2a-209(4) authorizes the governor to suspend by executive order enforcement of a statute that is directly related to and necessary to address a state of emergency;

WHEREAS, on March 18, 2020, I issued Executive Order 2020-5, suspending certain portions of the Open and Public Meetings Act, to address a state of emergency and mitigate the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, I called the Utah Legislature into the Fifth Special Session of the 63rd Legislature on June 18, 2020;

WHEREAS, during the June 18, 2020, special session, the Legislature passed House Bill 5002, Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments, addressing the concerns that led to Executive Order 2020-5; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2020, I signed House Bill 5002, and that bill is now law:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gary R. Herbert, Governor of the State of Utah, hereby order that Executive Order 2020-5 is rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done in Salt Lake City, Utah, on this, the 1st day of July, 2020.

(State Seal)

Gary R. Herbert
Governor

ATTEST:

Spencer J. Cox
Lieutenant Governor

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