Office of
The Governor

37-A FY 19/20

DATE April 24, 2020

AN ORDER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 37 FY 19/20

WHEREAS, I proclaimed a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 and a renewed state of emergency on April 14, 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; and

WHEREAS, a governor's emergency powers pursuant to 37-B M.R.S. §742(1)(C)(1) and §834 expressly include the authority to suspend the enforcement of statutes, orders or rules where strict compliance therewith would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, I issued on April 8, 2020 Executive Order 37 FY 19/20 that, for the reasons stated therein, authorized the use of certain remote notarization and acknowledgement activities; and

WHEREAS, it is now desirable to amend that Order to make it more useful;

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 provisions cited above, do hereby Order as follows:

I. ORDER

Executive Order 37 FY 19/20 Sections II (B) (12), (13) and (14) are amended to extend the time periods from 48 hours to 96 hours.

II. OTHER

All other provisions of Executive Order 37 FY 19/20 remain in effect.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Order takes effect on April 24, 2020 and, unless sooner amended or rescinded, terminates 30 days after the termination of the COVID-19 state of emergency.

Janet T. Mills
Governor