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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 056, D 2020 090, D 2020 122, and D 2020 151 Ordering the Suspension of a Relevant Statute to Allow Food Trucks to Operate at Colorado's Rest Areas to Support the Movement of Commercial Vehicle Activities 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 extending Executive Orders D 2020 056, D 2020 090, D 2020 122, and D 2020 151, which orders the suspension of a relevant statute to allow food trucks to operate at Colorado's rest areas to support the movement of commercial vehicle activities 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.

Commercial truck drivers play a critical role in the supply chain and in the COVID-19 emergency response. Truckers transport essential supplies including equipment, medicine, food, and personal protective equipment across our State and the country. Normal enforcement of restrictions pertaining to commercial activities at highway rest and refueling areas stands in the way of accessible, affordable, fresh food options for truck drivers operating in Colorado. Other states are allowing food trucks to operate at rest stops

during this emergency so that commercial truck drivers have easy and reliable access to nutritious, affordable, and freshly prepared meals, and, as a centrally located state, Colorado trucking routes are critical to the national supply chain. We therefore must take action to support our hard working truckers and increase the availability of freshly prepared food options while providing additional economic opportunities during this COVID-19 crisis to food truck operators.

This Executive Order extends Executive Orders D 2020 056, D 2020 090, D 2020 122, and D 2020 151 for an additional thirty (30) days.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 056, as extended by Executive Order D 2020 090, D 2020 122, D 2020 151, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from August 26, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 056, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 090, D 2020 122, and D 2020 151, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

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

Jared Polis
Governor