THE GOVERNOR

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Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency

May 20, 2021

Whereas, on March 6, 2020, I declared a disaster emergency due to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic that is devastating the country, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens; and

Whereas, the March 6, 2020, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was set to automatically expire by operation of law on June 4, 2020, unless further extended by my official action; and

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6, 2020, by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (1st Amendment) on June 3, 2020, for an additional ninety days; and

Whereas, the June 3, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation was set to automatically expire by operation of law on September 1, 2020, unless further extended by my official action; and

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6, 2020, by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (2nd Amendment) on August 31, 2020, for an additional ninety days; and

Whereas, the August 31, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation was set to automatically expire by operation of law on November 29, 2020, unless further extended by my official action; and

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated August 31, 2020, by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (3rd Amendment) on November 24, 2020, for an additional ninety days; and

Whereas, the November 24, 2020, Amendment to Proclamation was set to automatically expire by operation of law on February 22, 2021, unless further extended by my official action; and

Whereas, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated November 24, 2020, by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (4th Amendment) on February 19, 2021, for an additional ninety days; and

Whereas, the February 19, 2021, Amendment to Proclamation is set to automatically expire by operation of law on May 20, 2021, unless further extended by my official action; and

Whereas, as of May 19, 2021, 1,190,102 persons have tested positive or meet the requirements to be considered probable cases for COVID-19 in the Commonwealth in all 67 counties, and 26,317 persons are reported to have died from the virus; and

Whereas, the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be of such magnitude or severity that emergency action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected citizens in Pennsylvania.

Now Therefore, pursuant to the provisions of section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa.C.S. § 7301(c), I do hereby order and direct as follows:

- 1. The Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated March 6, 2020, renewed by Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated June 3, 2020, August 31, 2020, November 24, 2020, and February 19, 2021, is renewed, and shall continue to apply to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 2. All directives, authorized actions and provisions of the March 6, 2020, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency and June 3, 2020, August 31, 2020, November 24, 2020, and February 19, 2021, Amendments to Proclamation shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded by me or terminated by law.

3. This Proclamation Amendment (5th Amendment) shall take effect immediately.

 $\it Given$ under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this twentieth day of May two thousand twenty-one, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fifth.

Governor

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