



Executive Department Dover

<u>FIFTEENTH EXTENSION OF DECLARATION OF A</u> <u>PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE STATE OF DELAWARE</u>

WHEREAS, I issued a Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the State of Delaware effective March 1, 2022, a complete copy of which is incorporated herein by reference and available at https://de.gov/covidorders; and

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2022, I issued the First Revision of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency, to ensure that the State of Delaware may access financial and other assistance from the federal government for the benefit of Delaware residents; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, I issued the First Extension of Declaration of a Public

Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of March 31, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2022, I issued the Second Extension of Declaration of a Public

Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of April 29, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on May 26, 2022, I issued the Third Extension of Declaration of a Public

Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of May 26, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2022, I issued the Fourth Extension of Declaration of a Public Heath Emergency for the entire state, effective as of June 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2022, I issued the Fifth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of July 22, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2022, I issued the Sixth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of August 19, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, I issued the Seventh Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of September 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 2022, I issued the Eighth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of October 14, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on November 11, 2022, I issued the Ninth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of November 11, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on December 9, 2022, I issued the Tenth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of December 9, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2023, I issued the Eleventh Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of January 6, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2023, I issued the Twelfth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of February 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2023, I issued the Thirteenth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of March 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2023, I issued the Fourteenth Extension of Declaration of a Public Health Emergency for the entire state, effective as of March 31, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Delaware continues to face staffing shortages and capacity issues in its health care facilities; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Delaware's emergency management statutes, a Public Health Emergency proclaimed by the Governor may not continue for more than 30 days without being renewed; and

WHEREAS, I find that the conditions necessitating a Public Health Emergency continue to exist and require that the Public Health Emergency declaration be renewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY, hereby declare:

1. The Public Health Emergency declared and effective on March 1, 2022, subsequently revised as set forth above, and extended as of March 31, 2022, April 29, 2022, May 26, 2022, June 24, 2022, July 22, 2022, August 19, 2022, September 16, 2022, October 14, 2022, November 11, 2022, December 9, 2022, January 6, 2023, February 3, 2023, March 3, 2023, and March 31, 2023, is extended, effective immediately.

2. Pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, all provisions of the Public Health Emergency currently in place shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with state law.

APPROVED this 28th day of April 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

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