Executive Order D 2020 117

Extending Executive Orders D 2020 014, D 2020 028, D 2020 048, and D 2020 083
Concerning the Temporary Suspension of Certain Requirements Preventing Issuance of
Marriage Licenses 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 014, D 2020 028, D 2020 048, and D 2020 083 for thirty (30) days, concerning
the temporary suspension of certain statutes preventing the issuance of marriage licenses when
county clerk and recorder offices are closed, 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 there is
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, and D 2020
109. 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

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.

We must take action to minimize the duration of this epidemic and the disruption to our
daily lives. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people
and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Public health
experts recommend we practice “social distancing,” or maintaining a physical distance of six (6)
feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19.

On March 26, 2020, I issued Executive Order D 2020 014 ordering the temporary
suspension of certain statutes preventing county clerk and recorder offices from issuing marriage
licenses when county clerk and recorder offices are closed to the public due to COVID-19. On

This Executive Order extends Executive Orders D 2020 014, D 2020 028, D 2020 048, and D 2020 083 for an additional thirty (30) days. This extension will enable Coloradans to obtain marriage licenses while observing social distancing guidelines and minimizing the risk of spreading COVID-19.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2020 014, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 028, D 2020 048, D 2020 083, and this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from June 27, 2020, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2020 014, as extended by Executive Orders D 2020 028, D 2020 048, and D 2020 083, 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-seventh day of June, 2020.

Jared Polis
Governor