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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Order D 2021 104 Colorado Jumpstart

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 Order D 2021 104, directing the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to make direct payments to eligible individuals who return to full time employment between May 16, 2021 and June 26, 2021 to assist with the economic recovery from the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic in Colorado. These payments are economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.

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 widespread 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 and extended by Executive Orders D 2020 018, D 2020 032, D 2020 058, D 2020 076, D 2020 109, D 2020 125, D 2020 152, D 2020 176, D 2020 205, D 2020 234, D 2020 258, D 2020 264, D 2020 268, D 2020 284, D 2020 290, D 2020 296, D 2021 009, D 2021 022, D 2021 028, D 2021 045, D 2021 061, D 2021 068, D 2021 087, D 2021 102, and D 2021 114. 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, including combating the economic impact of COVID-19 and investing in economic recovery. The economic impacts of COVID-19 have been significant and threatened the economic stability of many Coloradans and local businesses. The risk of contamination posed by COVID-19 necessitated closure of multiple businesses. Employers and employees in virtually all sectors of the economy were hard hit.

In March 2021, Colorado's unemployment rate remained unchanged from February at 6.4% and the labor market recovery has been slow. Job openings continue to outpace hirings

throughout the State. I understand that starting a new job takes resources, like transportation, child care, and clothing, so the payments in this Executive Order will provide Coloradans with these resources to return to the workforce more quickly and assist with the statewide economic recovery from COVID-19. This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 2021 104 for an additional thirty (30) days, directing CDLE to make direct payments to eligible individuals who return to full time employment between May 16, 2021 and June 26, 2021, which will assist with the economic recovery from COVID-19. These payments are economic support to those suffering from employment or business interruptions due to COVID-19-related business closures.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 2021 104, as extended by this Executive Order, shall expire thirty (30) days from June 17, 2021, unless amended further by Executive Order, except that the funds described in Section II.G shall remain available for the described purposes until September 4, 2021. In all other respects, Executive Order D 2021 104 remains in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this
seventeenth day of June,
2021.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey rectangular background.

Jared Polis
Governor