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


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.

Jared Polis
Governor