

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



## Governor's Office

### AMENDMENT TO PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

February 25, 2020

*WHEREAS, on January 10, 2018, I declared a disaster emergency due to the opioid crisis that is ravaging the country, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens;*

*WHEREAS, my Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated January 10, 2018, was renewed by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (1<sup>st</sup> Amendment) on April 4, 2018, for an additional ninety days. The April 4, 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Amendment would have automatically expired by operation of law on July 3, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on June 28, 2018. The June 28, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on September 26, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on September 24, 2018. The September 24, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (3<sup>rd</sup> Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on December 23, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on December 21, 2018. The December 21, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (4<sup>th</sup> Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on March 21, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on March 20, 2019. The March 20, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (5<sup>th</sup> Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on June 18, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on June 14, 2019. The June 14, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (6<sup>th</sup> Amendment) is set to expire by operation of law on September 12, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on September 5, 2019. The September 5, 2019, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (7<sup>th</sup> Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on December 4, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on December 3, 2019. The December 3, 2019, Amendment to*

*Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (8th Amendment) is set to expire by operation of law on March 2, 2020, unless further extended by my official renewal;*

*WHEREAS, the opioid crisis 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;*

*WHEREAS, the opioid crisis continues to be a public health emergency in Pennsylvania contributing to addiction, overdose emergencies and deaths; and*

*WHEREAS, investigations by the Opioid Unified Coordination Group indicate that additional resources of the Commonwealth may be needed to mitigate and contend with the magnitude and severity of this continuing and expanding disaster emergency.*

*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 of January 10, 2018, renewed by Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, December 21, 2018, March 20, 2019, June 14, 2019, September 5, 2019, and December 3, 2019, is renewed for an additional period of ninety days, and shall continue to apply to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.*
- 2. All directives, authorized actions and provisions of the January 10, 2018, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, and the April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, December 21, 2018, March 20, 2019, June 14, 2019, September 5, 2019, and December 3, 2019, Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded by me or terminated by operation of law ninety days following the effective date of this Proclamation Amendment.*
- 3. This Proclamation Amendment (9<sup>th</sup> Amendment) shall take effect immediately.*



*GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twenty-fifth day of February two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred forty-fourth.*

*Tom Wolf*  
TOM WOLF  
Governor