On March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued an Executive Order declaring a state of disaster emergency due to the risk of spread of the novel coronavirus, now designated COVID-19.

On March 12, 2020, the Mayor of the City and County of Denver declared a state of local disaster emergency pursuant to C.R.S. § 24-33.5-701, et seq., due to the risk of spread of COVID-19, which, on March 16, 2020, was extended by the City Council for the City and County of Denver through May 11, 2020 due to the risk of spread of COVID-19.

On April 26, 2020, the Governor of the State of Colorado issued Executive Order D2020-044 continuing stay at home requirements for vulnerable individuals and permitting the limited reopening of postsecondary institutions and certain business operations due to the presence of COVID-19 in Colorado and directing the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment to issue a public health order consistent with the directive in the executive order. (“EO D2020-044”).

On April 26, 2020, the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”), pursuant to Colorado Revised Statute §§ 25-1.5-101(1)(a) and 25-1.5-102(1)(a)(I), issued an order implementing the Safer at Home requirements (“April 26 CDPHE Safer at Home Order”).

The Executive Director of the Denver Department of Public Health & Environment (“DDPHE”), pursuant to section 24-16 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, hereby adopts the State of Colorado’s April 26 CDPHE Safer at Home Order”) beginning 12:00 a.m. on May 9, 2020. To the extent CDPHE issues subsequent Safer at Home orders, they shall be automatically adopted and shall amend this Order.

Pursuant to section 24-24 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code, it is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with this Order. Any person who fails to comply with this Order may also be subject to a civil penalty of up to nine hundred ninety-nine dollars ($999.00) per violation. Enforcement actions are intended to be cumulative in nature and Denver may pursue one or more civil, criminal, and administrative actions, fees, fines, sentences, penalties, judgments, and remedies and may do so simultaneously or in succession.

This Order shall continue to be in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 26, 2020, unless extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Executive Director of the Department of Public Health & Environment.

Issued by:

Robert M. McDonald
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Executive Director, Denver Dept of Public Health & Environment