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**EIGHTH EXTENSION OF THE DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE**

First Chance Delaware (<https://governor.delaware.gov/first-chance-delaware/>)

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**WHEREAS**, in connection with the serious public health threat from the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") that has impacted the State of Delaware, I issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency for the entire state at 3:00 p.m. on March 12, 2020, and

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**WHEREAS**, during the past several months, I have issued Twenty-Seven Modifications, including a First Revision Live Event (<https://governor.delaware.gov/live/>) to the 27<sup>th</sup> Modification, to the State of Emergency declaration first to protect from the spread of COVID-19 by,

and a Request to Postpone Social Gatherings (<https://governor.delaware.gov/request-to-postpone-social-gatherings/>)

access, closing childcare to all but emergency child care, restricting business operations to essential businesses only with non-essential businesses either closed or remote working only, and ordering a shelter in place for all

Delawareans, and then to begin to reopen the state by, among other things, requiring individuals to wear cloth

face coverings both in non-essential businesses and outside when social distancing is difficult, permitting

businesses and other places of public accommodation to reopen slowly, reopening the beaches, lifting the

quarantine and restrictions on commercial meetings, establishing guidelines for reopening schools and

participating in sports safely and taking other measures to reopen the economy while still focused on protecting

the public health, safety and welfare of the State of Delaware from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

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**WHEREAS**, the State of Delaware continues to face a serious public health threat from COVID-19 and the risk to life and limb;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Delaware's emergency management statutes, a State of Emergency proclaimed by the Governor on May 12, 2020, and extended on June 3, 2020, on June 10, 2020, on June 17, 2020, on June 24, 2020, on July 1, 2020, on July 8, 2020, on July 15, 2020, on July 22, 2020, on July 29, 2020, on August 5, 2020, on August 12, 2020, on August 19, 2020, on August 26, 2020, on September 2, 2020, on September 9, 2020, on September 16, 2020, on September 23, 2020, on September 30, 2020, on October 7, 2020, on October 14, 2020, on October 21, 2020, on October 28, 2020, and on November 4, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, I find that the conditions necessitating a State of Emergency continue to exist and require that the State of Emergency remains in effect.

**NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN C. CARNEY**, pursuant to Title 20, Chapter 31 of the Delaware Code, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State of Delaware, do hereby declare:

1. The State of Emergency due to COVID-19, first declared March 12, 2020 and subsequently modified as set forth above is extended, effective immediately.
2. All provisions of the State of Emergency in the Twenty-Seventh Modification currently in place, which includes the terms of the First Revision to the 27th Modification, shall remain in full force and effect until terminated in accordance with state law.

APPROVED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

John C. Carney  
Governor

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