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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Rescinding Executive Orders B 2020 002 and B 2020 003 Concerning the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation

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, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order rescinding Executive Orders B 2020 002 and B 2020 003 concerning the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation.

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 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) test result in Colorado. On March 10, 2020, I verbally declared a disaster emergency due to COVID-19 in Colorado. A few months into the pandemic, Coloradans realized we would need to adjust to a "new normal" way of life as we undertook efforts to fight COVID-19 and keep our family, friends, and communities healthy.

Colorado has come a long way since the pandemic began in 2020. This pandemic required extraordinary sacrifices from each and every resident of our State, and I thank all Coloradans for rising to meet this moment in world history. The State has made tremendous progress in terms of containing and treating infection and distributing the COVID-19 vaccine. Colorado has the 9th lowest death rate due to COVID-19 among states in the country. More than seventy percent of all Coloradans have now received at least two doses of the lifesaving vaccine.

On April 26, 2020, I signed Executive Order B 2020 002, creating the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board. On May 6, 2020, I signed Executive Order B 2020 003, which amended the name of the Governor's New Normal Advisory Board to the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation (Committee), to more accurately reflect the mission of the Committee. The Committee served as a central point of contact for the State's efforts to maintain social distancing and respond to the evolving societal changes necessary due to COVID-19. Its mission was to advise the Governor and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on coordinating and harmonizing policies and rules designed to maximize social distancing during the State's "Safer at Home" phase. The Governor appointed members to the Committee on May 4, 2020. The Committee met on a weekly to biweekly basis in 2020 and through early 2021, and then met on a monthly basis through the end of 2021. The

Committee provided senior leadership across multiple State agencies with meaningful insight, guidance, discussion, and feedback regarding the strategic implementation of the State's COVID-19 response.

Almost three years on from the start of the pandemic, Colorado, the country, and the world, are in a different place. The Committee achieved its mission in advising the Governor and CDPHE, and valuable policies were created that helped lead Colorado through this difficult time. In light of these changed circumstances, Executive Orders B 2020 002 and B 2020 003 are no longer necessary and are rescinded.

II. <u>Directive</u>

I rescind Executive Orders B 2020 002 and B 2020 003 concerning the Governor's Advisory Committee for Cooperation and Implementation.



GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this tenth day of December 2022.

Jared Polis Governor