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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Extending Executive Order D 007 06 Concerning Calling Certain Elements of the Colorado National Guard to State Active Duty for the Purpose of Force Protection

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Sections 2 and 5 of the Colorado Constitution and C.R.S. § 28-3-104, I, Jared Polis, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order extending Executive Orders D 007 06, D 022 06, D 024 07, D 019 08, D 018 09, D 2010 016, D 2012 36, D 2013 029, D 2014 017, D 2015 012, D 2016 007, D 2017 019, D 2018 028, and D 2019 012, calling certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to state active duty for the purpose of force protection.

I. Background and Purpose

The Colorado National Guard plays a critical role in the State's emergency preparedness and protection. The Colorado National Guard is a supporting agency for nearly every State emergency function including Homeland Security and Homeland Defense plans. Based on the ongoing global war on terrorism and continued terrorist activity, a threat continues to exist against certain targets throughout the country. These targets vary widely in nature and purpose, but include military installations and other critical infrastructure.

Shortly after the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the Secretary of Defense made resources and funding available to the Colorado National Guard to protect critical installations. Members of the Colorado National Guard have been actively protecting personnel at the critical installments since that time. In order to access this federal funding, the Governor must call the members of the National Guard into State Active Duty.

Military units of the Colorado National Guard are under the command and control of the Governor of Colorado until and unless federalized, and are available for call-up to State Active Duty only by the Governor. In Executive Order D 007 06, signed on March 24, 2006, Governor Bill Owens called certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to active duty, and immediately deployed armed military personnel to protect critical National Guard installations for the purpose of protecting personnel. Executive Order D 007 06 has been renewed annually since it was signed, and provides Colorado with continued authorization to employ Colorado National Guard service members for this purpose. This Executive Order extends Executive Order D 007 06, as amended and extended by D 022 06, D 024 07, D 019 08, D 018 09, D 2010 016, D 2012 36, D 2013 029, D 2014 017, D 2015 012, D 2016 007, D 2017 019, D 2018 028, and D 2019 012, until September 30, 2021.

II. Duration

Executive Order D 007 06, as amended and extended by Executive Orders D 022 06, D 024 07, D 019 08, D 018 09, D 2010 016, D 2012 36, D 2013 029, D 2014 017, D 2015 012, D 2016 007, D 2017 019, D 2018 028, D 2019 012, and this Executive Order, shall expire on September 30, 2021, unless extended further by Executive Order. In all other respects, Executive Order D 007 006, as amended and extended, shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.



GIVEN under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado, this ninth
day of September, 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jared Polis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jared Polis
Governor