

EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-04

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Executive Order 20-02 invoked the provisions of sections 44.100 and 44.110, RSMo, and declared a state of emergency that exists in the State of Missouri due to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, I have been advised by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the State Emergency Management Agency that there have been confirmed cases of COVID-19 in this state; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 can result in mild or severe symptoms, is highly contagious, and is spread through close contact between persons and respiratory transmission; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses a serious health risk for Missouri residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the spread of COVID-19 and identification of additional cases in Missouri is likely to continue, and steps should be taken to prevent a substantial risk to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, section 44.100, RSMo, provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule prescribing procedures for conducting state business, where strict compliance with such requirements and rules would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by the department of health and senior services to respond to a declared emergency or increased health threat to the population"; and

WHEREAS section 44.100, RSMo, provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as may be necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population"; and

WHEREAS, section 44.100, RSMo, provides that during a state of emergency, the Governor is authorized to "waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule requirement regarding the licensing, certification or issuance of permits evidencing professional, mechanical or other skills"; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL L. PARSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of Missouri, including Chapter 44, RSMo, hereby incorporate the declarations made in Executive Order 20-02, and further order the following:

1. The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services is hereby vested with authority to temporarily waive or suspend the operation of any statutory requirement or administrative rule, upon approval of the Office of the Governor, where strict compliance with such requirements and rules would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action by the department to respond to the COVID-19 health threat and to best serve public health and safety during the period of the emergency and subsequent recovery period.
2. The Director of the Department of Public Safety is hereby vested with authority to temporarily

