

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

PROCLAMATION

AMENDMENT TO
PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2018, I declared a disaster emergency due to the opioid crisis that is ravaging the country, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and its citizens;

WHEREAS, my Proclamation of Disaster Emergency of January 10, 2018, was renewed by Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (1st Amendment) on April 4, 2018, for an additional ninety days. The April 4, 2018, 1st Amendment would have automatically expired by operation of law on July 3, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on June 28, 2018. The June 28, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (2nd Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on September 26, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on September 24, 2018. The September 24, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (3rd Amendment) was set to expire by operation of law on December 23, 2018, unless further extended by my official renewal;

WHEREAS, I renewed the Proclamation of Disaster Emergency for an additional ninety days by official action on December 21, 2018. The December 21, 2018, Amendment to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency (4th Amendment) is set to expire by operation of law on March 21, 2019, unless further extended by my official renewal;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis continues to be of such magnitude or severity that emergency action is necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of affected citizens in Pennsylvania;

WHEREAS, the opioid crisis continues to be a public health emergency in Pennsylvania contributing to addiction, overdose emergencies and deaths; and

WHEREAS, investigations by the Opioid Unified Coordination Group indicate that additional resources of the Commonwealth may be needed to mitigate and contend with the magnitude and severity of this continuing and expanding disaster emergency.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the provisions of section 7301(c) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. §7301(c), I do hereby order and direct as follows:

1. The Proclamation of Disaster Emergency of January 10, 2018, renewed by Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency dated April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, and December 21, 2018, is

renewed for an additional period of ninety days, and shall continue to apply to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

2. All directives, authorized actions and provisions of the January 10, 2018, Proclamation of Disaster Emergency, and the April 4, 2018, June 28, 2018, September 24, 2018, and December 21, 2018, Amendments to Proclamation of Disaster Emergency shall remain in full force and effect until either rescinded by me or terminated by operation of law ninety days following the effective date of this Proclamation Amendment.
3. This Proclamation Amendment shall take effect immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the City of Harrisburg, this twentieth day of March two thousand nineteen, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-third.

TOM WOLF
Governor

ATTEST:

KATHY BOOCKVAR
Secretary of the Commonwealth