



Commonwealth of Virginia  
Office of the Governor

## Executive Order

### **FOURTH AMENDED NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR (2020)**

#### **EXTENDED DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO CIVIL UNREST IN THE CITY OF RICHMOND**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On May 31, 2020, I declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to past and potential future civil unrest that posed a danger to public health and safety in the City of Richmond. **On June 29, 2020, I extended that Order. In a July 29, 2020 letter, the Mayor of the City of Richmond requested that I further extend the May 31, 2020 Order as the City continues to experience and address daily protests, rallies, marches, and other public demonstrations.** These events have required significant intervention to ensure the safety of protestors and the public, protect property, and provide additional resources to support our local and state partners.

The Commonwealth continues to have a compelling interest to maintain peace and order. The effects of this civil unrest constitute an emergency wherein human lives and public and private property are imperiled, as described in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia (Code)*. Action remains necessary to preserve life and property and to alleviate the conditions caused by this situation.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, by §§ 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the *Code*, and as Governor and Director of Emergency Management and Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's armed forces, I proclaim that a state of emergency continues to exist in the City of Richmond. Accordingly, I direct state and local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for and respond to this situation, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible. Emergency services shall be conducted in accordance with § 44-146.13 *et seq.* of the *Code*.

In order to marshal all public resources and appropriate preparedness, response, and recovery measures, I continue to order the following actions:

- A. Implementation by state agencies of the Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan, as amended, along with other appropriate state plans.
- B. Activation of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center and the Virginia Emergency Support Team, as directed by the State Coordinator of Emergency Management, to coordinate the provision of assistance to state, local, and tribal governments and to facilitate emergency services assignments to other agencies.
- C. Authorization for the heads of executive branch agencies, on behalf of their regulatory boards as appropriate, and with the concurrence of their Cabinet Secretary, to waive any state requirement or regulation, and enter into contracts without regard to normal procedures or formalities, and without regard to application or permit fees or royalties. All waivers issued by agencies shall be posted on their websites.
- D. Activation of the Virginia National Guard to State Active Duty.
- E. Authorization of a maximum of \$350,000 in state sum sufficient funds for state and local government mission assignments and state response and recovery operations authorized and coordinated through the Virginia Department of Emergency Management allowable by The Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. § 5121 *et seq.* Included in this authorization is \$250,000 for the Department of Military Affairs.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

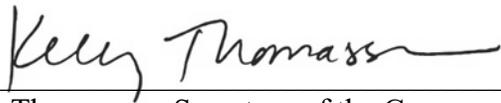
This Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until **August 30, 2020**, unless amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this **30<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2020**.



  
Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

  
Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth