



# State of Iowa Executive Department

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF IOWA

## PROCLAMATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization has reported an outbreak of tens of thousands of cases and thousands of deaths associated with Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) in multiple countries across the globe; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, President Donald J. Trump issued a proclamation declaring that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued to coordinate the state of Iowa's response to this outbreak; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency was issued to suspend certain weight limits for vehicles transporting food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods in Iowa; and

**WHEREAS**, the aforementioned Proclamations of Disaster Emergency continue to be needed to respond to and recover from the effects of this disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores, and other retail establishments provide an important service to Iowans by providing access to food, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods; and

**WHEREAS**, strict compliance with the requirements of Iowa Code § 455C.3 (1) and Iowa Admin. Code chapter 567-107 that such dealers must accept empty beverage containers on which an Iowa deposit was made will prevent or hinder efforts to cope with this disaster in all counties of our state.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS**, Governor of the State of Iowa, by the power and authority vested in me by the Iowa Constitution Art. IV, §§ 1 and 8 and Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1), and all other applicable laws, do hereby continue to proclaim a **STATE OF DISASTER EMERGENCY** for the entire state of Iowa and do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the following:

**SECTION ONE.** Pursuant to Iowa Code §29C.6 (6), I hereby suspend the regulatory provisions of Iowa Code § 455C.3 (1) and Iowa Admin. Code chapter 567-107, to the extent that those provisions require a dealer to accept an empty beverage container on which an Iowa deposit was made.

**SECTION TWO.** This action is intended to allow retailers who engage in the sale of liquor, beer, wine, carbonated beverages, and other beverages on which an Iowa beverage container deposit is made to stop accepting empty beverage containers for the duration of this disaster emergency.

**SECTION THREE.** Nothing contained in this declaration shall be construed as an exemption from any other portion of the Iowa Code or Iowa Administrative Code not specifically identified in this proclamation.

**SECTION FOUR.** The provisions of this proclamation shall be effective immediately. This proclamation shall not be construed to otherwise modify the proclamations issued on March 9, 2020 or March 13, 2020. This state of disaster emergency shall continue to expire on April 7, 2020, at 11:59 p.m., unless sooner terminated or extended in writing by me. Iowa Code § 29C.6 (1).



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I HAVE  
HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY NAME AND  
CAUSED THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE  
OF IOWA TO BE AFFIXED AT DES MOINES,  
IOWA THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF MARCH IN  
THE YEAR OF OUR LORD TWO THOUSAND  
TWENTY.

  
KIMBERLY K. REYNOLDS  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

  
PAUL D. PATE  
SECRETARY OF STATE