WHEREAS, the Indiana Alcohol Tobacco Commission (ITC) has announced other investigations and regulatory actions concerning certain tobacco companies;

WHEREAS, when circumstances may warrant, public health, safety, and welfare are of such importance that they justify non-compliance and the issuance of an emergency order, or when the ITC finds that the issuance of an emergency order is necessary to prevent substantial injury to the public health,

WHEREAS, the ICHC has authority under Title 20 of the Indiana Code to issue public health orders to the Indiana chief medical officer or the health officer of any county when the Indiana chief medical officer or the health officer of any county finds that an emergency exists, requiring immediate action to prevent substantial injury to the public health;

WHEREAS, an emergency under Indiana's Emergency Management and Disaster Law, the Health Security Act, and other state laws and regulations that authorize the issuance of health orders to state agencies and local governments to protect the public health during public health emergencies;

WHEREAS, in light of the above, it is necessary and proper, to take further actions to protect the health and safety of all Hoosiers in connection with the continuation of the health emergency and whereof the following in connection with the continuing health emergency;

WHEREAS, 20-04, (Executive Order 20-04), effective since March 16, 2020, certain establishments have continued to provide, and deliver, alcohol and tobacco products.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the public health emergency declared by Section 1 of Code 20-04, I hereby order all restaurants, bars, and other retail establishments, as defined in Section 3 of Code 20-04, to cease serving any alcohol or tobacco products and to close their premises.

WHEREAS, the health needs and safety of people who are over 65 years old population is especially important for people who are over 65 years old, and who are more vulnerable to the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in order to provide clear, concise, and effective guidance to help Indiana recover, I hereby direct the following:

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency.

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2020, I issued Executive Order 20-01, which declared a public health emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN EXECUTION THEREOF, I hereby order:

RECOGNIZING THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 EPIDEMIC FOR EXECUTIVE ORDER 20-10

EXECUTIVE ORDER

STATE OF INDIANA

IN RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 EPIDEMIC

TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, CORDially,

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
On this 24th day of February, 2020, after due notice of the time and place of hearing, the Governor of Indiana, having been duly sworn, did administer the oath of office to the Secretary of State, the Governor of Indiana, and the Attorney General of Indiana, who, having taken the said oath, did receive the seal of office.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, the Governor, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of Indiana, do hereby:

1. Direct the Indiana Department of Health and other boards of health to take all necessary action to prevent and mitigate the spread of the disease hereinafter described by the Indiana Commissioner of Health, and to issue the necessary orders and regulations to that end.

2. Direct the Attorney General of Indiana to take all necessary action to prevent and mitigate the spread of the disease hereinafter described by the Indiana Commissioner of Health, and to issue the necessary orders and regulations to that end.

WHEREAS, the Indiana Commissioner of Health has the power to proclaim the state of public health emergency when it is necessary to declare a public health emergency to prevent and mitigate the spread of the disease hereinafter described by the Indiana Commissioner of Health, and to issue the necessary orders and regulations to that end.

BY THE PRESENT SEAL OF THE GOVERNOR OF INDIANA, WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the Governor, have hereunto set my hand and caused the same to be sealed with the seal of office, this 24th day of February, 2020.