



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

**ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
STAYING THE APPLICATION DEADLINE UNDER THE
COVID RELIEF-MORTGAGE AND RENTAL ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) have declared a novel coronavirus (“COVID-19”) a “public health emergency of international concern,” and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (“HHS”) Secretary has declared that COVID-19 creates a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of March 6, 2020, I proclaimed the existence of a disaster emergency throughout the Commonwealth pursuant to 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(c); and

WHEREAS, on June 3, 2020, and August 31, 2020, I renewed the disaster emergency dated March 6, 2020, by amendment for an additional ninety days respectively; and

WHEREAS, I am charged with the responsibility for meeting dangers facing the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the people therein that result from disasters. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(a); and

WHEREAS, in executing the extraordinary powers outlined above, I am further authorized during a disaster emergency to issue, amend and rescind executive orders, proclamations and regulations and those directives shall have the force and effect of law. 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(b); and

WHEREAS, I am specifically authorized pursuant to section 7301(f) of the Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C.S. § 7301(f), to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing the procedures for conduct of Commonwealth business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any Commonwealth agency, if strict compliance with the provisions of any statute, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency; and

WHEREAS, as of October 5, 2020, the Commonwealth has 164,207 persons who have tested positive or meet the requirements as probable cases for COVID-19 in all 67 counties, and 8,227 persons are reported to have died from the virus.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me and my Administration by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I do hereby ORDER and PROCLAIM as follows:

Section 1: Stay

The application deadline for the COVID Relief-Mortgage and Rental Assistance Grant Program under section 191-C(g)(3) of Act 24 of 2020 is stayed until November 4, 2020, in order for the program to continue to accept applications and award grants to eligible landlords and mortgagees.

Section 2: Effective Date and Duration

This order is effective immediately and will remain in effect until November 4, 2020.



GIVEN under my hand and the Seal of the Governor, at the city of Harrisburg, on this fifth day of October two thousand twenty, the year of the commonwealth the two hundred and forty-fifth.


TOM WOLF
Governor