

## EXECUTIVE ORDER N-01-21

**WHEREAS** on March 4, 2020, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in California as a result of the threat of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS** the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as physical distancing and other public health measures undertaken in response to it, continue to affect individuals and governmental agencies alike, with associated impacts on adherence to certain statutory and regulatory deadlines and requirements; and

**WHEREAS** under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would continue to prevent, hinder, or delay appropriate actions to prevent and mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes of the State of California, and in particular, Government Code sections 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately:

### **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 1) Paragraph 4 of Executive Order N-80-20 is withdrawn and superseded by the following text:

Notwithstanding the one-year period set forth in Health and Safety Code section 11362.745(a), identification cards issued under Health and Safety Code section 11362.71 (concerning identification cards for persons authorized to engage in the medical use of cannabis and their designated primary caregivers) that would otherwise have expired on or after March 4, 2020 shall remain valid until this Order is modified or rescinded, or until the State of Emergency is terminated, whichever occurs sooner.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021.

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GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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JAMES SCHWAB  
Acting Secretary of State