SECRETARY OF THE STATE CAPITOL OFFICE

STATE OF CONNECTICUT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DANNEL P. MALLOY GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 12

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WHEREAS, a declaration of civil preparedness emergency was issued by the Governor on October 29, 2011 due to a severe snow storm and unprecedented power outages experienced throughout the state;

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes section 28-9(b) authorizes and empowers the Governor to take such steps as are reasonably necessary in light of such emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state, and to modify and suspend in whole or in part, any statute, regulation or requirement or part thereof, whenever the Governor is of the opinion that it is in conflict with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions;

WHEREAS, severe weather conditions and fallen trees have resulted in continuing widespread power outages in the state, forced numerous town halls to close and limited transportation within the state;

WHEREAS, municipal elections are scheduled to take place on November 8, 2011;

WHEREAS, with limited exceptions, the voter registration deadline to register in person to cast a ballot in the upcoming municipal elections is November 1, 2011;

WHEREAS, conditions resulting from the storm pose a danger to persons who may attempt to travel to town hall to register to vote in person;

WHEREAS, many potential voters will be unable to register due to town hall closures and travel difficulties;

WHEREAS, in light of the emergency conditions it is appropriate to extend the voter registration deadline to give the most voters the opportunity to register and vote, even in towns where power may be restored close to election time;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT the suspension or modification of the following statutes, regulations or requirements under the following conditions for the reasons stated above:

- 1. Except as otherwise stated in this Order, Section 9-17(a) of the General Statutes is modified to the extent that the deadline for all electors to register in person to vote shall be November 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the deadline for those persons identified in Section 9-17(b) of the General Statutes to register in person to vote shall be November 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. The provisions of Section 9-17(a) requiring municipal registrars of voters to hold sessions to examine the qualifications of electors and admit those found qualified is hereby suspended, except that each municipal registrar of voters may, at his or her discretion, choose to hold such session at any time between the date of this Order and November 7, 2011 at 12:00 noon.
- 2. Section 9-19b of the General Statutes is hereby suspended.
- 3. Section 9-19g of the General Statutes is hereby suspended.
- 4. Section 9-38 of the General Statutes, as amended by Section 4 of Public Act 11-173, is hereby modified to the extent that the final registry list and an updated list that contains the names and addresses of electors to be transferred, restored or added to such list, as required by such section as amended, shall be made available in the municipal clerk's office not later than November 7, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon filing with office of the Secretary of State and shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days unless sooner revoked.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 1st day of November 2011.

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

By His Excellency's Order

Denise Merrill

Secretary of the State