January 26, 2015

The Honorable Denise Merrill Secretary of the State State Capitol 210 Capitol Avenue Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Declaration of Civil Preparedness Emergency

Dear Secretary Merrill:

Due to the severe winter weather conditions predicted to affect the State, specifically the National Weather Service issuance of blizzard warnings for all of Connecticut with forecasted significant snowfall and strong winds, I am hereby proclaiming a state of civil preparedness emergency, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-9.

I am filing this proclamation with you under my hand and seal on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

TIME:

# STATE OF CONNECTICUT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DANNEL P. MALLOY GOVERNOR EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 44

WHEREAS, a declaration of civil preparedness emergency was issued by the Governor on January 26, 2015 due to the anticipated effects of a winter blizzard;

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 or the protection of the public health;

WHEREAS, Section 12-142 of the General Statutes permits the legislative bodies of each municipality to determine whether municipal taxes shall be due and payable in a single installment or in two semiannual installments or in four quarterly installments;

WHEREAS, most municipalities in the state require that municipal tax payments be made in on January 1, 2015;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 12-146, a tax payment due on January 1, 2015 would begin to accrue interest at a rate of 1.5% per month if not paid by February 2, 2015;

WHEREAS, conditions resulting from the blizzard and subsequent snow storm on February 2, 2015 may have prevented individuals in these municipalities from being able to make their January tax payment prior to or on February 2, 2015;

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to extend the time to make tax payments in municipalities to February 3, 2015;

**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. Section 12-146 of the General Statutes is modified to the extent that in those municipalities where residents were required to make a property tax payment on January 1, 2015, such municipality shall not be permitted to impose interest on the amount due if the tax payment is received on or before 5:00 pm on February 3, 2015.

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 three days (3) days unless sooner revoked.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 2nd day of February, 2015.

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

By His Excellency's Order

Denise Merrill

Secretary of the State

Feb. 2, 2015

1:38 pm

#### STATE OF CONNECTICUT

#### BY HIS EXCELLENCY

#### DANNEL P. MALLOY

#### **GOVERNOR**

## EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 43

WHEREAS, a civil preparedness proclamation was issued by the Governor on January 26, 2015 due to the severe weather conditions predicted to affect the state;

WHEREAS, Connecticut General Statutes §28-9(a), authorizes and empowers the Governor 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, as a consequence of the dangerous travel conditions resulting from the severe snow storm, including high winds and heavy snow fall, the Governor has determined that certain regulatory requirements need to be modified while hazardous road conditions present an undue hazard to responders;

WHEREAS, the use of high clearance vehicles and specialty vehicles under such severe weather conditions could provide greater protection during transport for the emergency medical responder and the public during transport;

WHEREAS, the modification of certain regulatory requirements under Title 19a with regard to minimum vehicle standards is necessary to authorize the use of high clearance vehicles and specialty vehicles under such severe weather conditions.

**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 modification of following state regulations for the reasons stated above:

- Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-4 (Primary Service Area Responder); and
- Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-11(Availability of Response Services).

Are hereby modified to allow emergency medical organizations to temporarily suspend the transportation of patients in cases where the EMS dispatch center, in coordination with the EMS service chief, have determined that a transportation request is not sufficiently urgent to justify the risk of transport where external conditions present an undue hazard to responders.

Furthermore, I ORDER and DIRECT the modification of the regulation listed below by the addition of the following language:

### Regulation of Connecticut State Agencies Section 19a-179-18. (Minimum vehicle standards)

(f) Notwithstanding any of the foregoing provisions in this regulation, during the pendency of the Governor's civil preparedness proclamation, an emergency medical service provider may utilize a high clearance vehicle or other specialty vehicle to transport a patient if the emergency medical service provider determines that the use of an ambulance vehicle would jeopardize the safety of the emergency medical responder and/or the public and also determines that the patient may be safely transported in such high clearance vehicle or other specialty vehicle that does not meet the minimum vehicle standards for design and equipment specified in this regulation.

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 seven (7) calendar days from the date of this Executive Order unless sooner revoked.

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this day of January 2015.

Dannel P. Malloy

Governor

Denise W. Merrill Secretary of the Stake

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