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STATE OF EMERGENCY
RELATING TO TRAVEL

Background

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is a respiratory disease causing illness that can range from very mild to severe, including illness resulting in death, and many cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Constitution and Kentucky Revised Statutes, including KRS Chapter 39A, empower me to exercise all powers necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including the power to suspend state statutes and regulations, and to command individuals to disperse from the scene of an emergency. Under those powers, I declared by Executive Order 2020-215 on March 6, 2020, that a State of Emergency exists in the Commonwealth.

Now, to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the Commonwealth, Kentuckians must take additional steps to remain healthy at home, including avoiding crowded travel settings and areas experiencing high levels of community spread of the disease. Every state in the United States now has confirmed cases of COVID-19, but other states have not taken as aggressive steps as the Commonwealth to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Order

I, Andy Beshear, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, by virtue of authority vested in me pursuant to the Constitution of Kentucky and KRS Chapter 39A, do hereby Order and Direct as follows:

1. Residents of the Commonwealth of Kentucky are instructed not to travel into any other state, except:
   a. When required by employment;
   b. To obtain groceries, medicine, or other necessary supplies;
   c. To seek or obtain care by a licensed healthcare provider;
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