STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY DIVISION OF NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

GATHERINGS

No. 2020-4

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, through Executive Order No. 103, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, the Governor declared both a Public Health Emergency and a State of Emergency throughout the State due to the public health hazard posed by Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, to further protect the health, safety, and welfare of New Jersey residents by, among other things, reducing the rate of community spread of COVID-19, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 107 (2020) on March 21, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are also adopted by reference herein, which established enhanced social mitigation strategies for combatting COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 107 cancelled gatherings of individuals, such as parties, celebrations, or other social events, unless otherwise authorized by Executive Order No. 107; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to paragraph 5 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), the Governor granted the State Director of Emergency Management, who is the Superintendent of State Police, the discretion to make clarifications and issue orders related to the provisions regarding the gatherings of individuals;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Patrick J. Callahan, State Director of Emergency Management, hereby ORDER as follows:

- 1. Pursuant to paragraph 5 of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), it is hereby clarified that gatherings of 10 persons or fewer are presumed to be in compliance with the terms and intentions of the Executive Order, unless clear evidence exists to the contrary.
- 2. This ORDER shall take effect concurrently with the effective date and time of Executive Order No. 107 (2020), which is Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 9:00 p.m., and shall remain in effect for as long as Executive Order No. 107 (2020) remains in effect or until I issue a subsequent amending Administrative Order.

March 21, 2020

Colonel Patrick J. Callahan

State Director of Emergency Management