EXECUTIVE ORDER
15-03
January 26, 2015

RESTRICTION ON MOTOR VEHICLE TRAVEL

WHEREAS, the snow from the January 26, 2015 storm has been forecast to accumulate and blow across roads and highways; and

WHEREAS, additional significant accumulations of snow and high winds are expected throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, consistent, coordinated and regional travel restrictions are necessary to prevent motorists from becoming stranded and to allow plows and public safety personnel to do their jobs.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Gina M. Raimondo, pursuant to the powers contained in Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Chapter 15 of Title 30, do hereby order as follows:

1. There shall be a restriction on motor vehicle travel on all roads statewide beginning at 12:01 a.m., January 27, 2015 and continuing until further notice. This travel restriction shall not apply to the following:

   a. public safety vehicles and public safety workers, including contract personnel;
   b. public works vehicles and public works workers, including contract personnel;
   c. government officials conducting official business;
   d. utility company vehicles and utility workers;
   e. healthcare and pharmacy workers who must travel to and from work in order to provide essential health services;
   f. patients and their caregivers traveling for essential medical procedures;
   g. news media;
h. homeless or other shelter workers;
  i. travel necessary to maintain and deliver critical private sector services such as energy, fuel supplies and deliveries, financial systems and the delivery of critical commodities; and
  j. travel to support business operations that provide critical services to the public, including airports, gasoline stations, grocery stores and hardware stores.

2. This Order shall take effect immediately.

So Ordered

[Signature]

Gina M. Raimondo

Dated: 1/26/15