WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Executive Order 20-02 was issued for a declaration of a state of emergency due to the dangers to health and life posed by COVID-19, and that Order has been extended through at least December 23, 2021;

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-109 affirming the disaster emergency that was first declared on August 19, 2021 for new COVID-19 variants; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-96 increasing teaching and administrative staff capacity and that Order has been extended through December 3, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, DANIEL J. MCKEE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to Article IX of the Rhode Island Constitution and the Rhode Island General Laws, including, but not limited to, Title 30, Chapter 15, do hereby extend the following Executive Order:
1. Executive Order 21-96 (Increasing Teaching and Administrative Staff Capacity).

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through January 1, 2022 unless renewed, modified or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered,

[Signature]

Daniel J. McKee
Governor