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State of Rhode Island

Daniel J. McKee Governor

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER**

## 22-19

## February 15, 2022

## EXTENSION OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS 20-02 AND 21-87

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 SARS-CoV-2 ("COVID-19") and that Order has been extended through at least February 17, 2022;

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-109 affirming the disaster emergency that was first declared on August 19, 2021 for the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2 and other then-existing COVID-19 variants and that Order has been extended through at least March 4, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2021, I issued Executive Order 21-87 requiring masks in schools and that Order has been extended through February 14, 2022.

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, and Title 23, Chapter 8 do hereby extend the following Executive Order: Executive Order 22-19 February 15, 2022 Page 2

- 1. Executive Order 20-02 (Declaration of Disaster Emergency)
- 2. Executive Order 21-87 (Requiring Masks in Schools)

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in full force and effect through (a) March 16, 2022 for Executive Order 20-02 and (b) 5 p.m. on March 4, 2022 for Executive Order 21-87 unless renewed, modified or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.

So Ordered,

Daniel J. McKee Governor