ORDER OF THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

I, Vernon Barnett, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Revenue, pursuant to the power granted to me under §40-2-11, Code of Alabama 1975, hereby declare that due to the extreme hardships placed on Alabama motor vehicle registrants in certain counties who may be unable to register or renew their motor vehicle registrations or pay property taxes on their motor vehicles because there is a state of emergency resulting from the potential spread of the coronavirus named COVID-19, it is necessary to assist and expedite all efforts of relief. In order to accommodate this need and provide assistance to Alabama citizens, I hereby issue the following order:

A. EXTENSION OF TIME FOR OBTAINING MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2020 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON VEHICLES. For the purposes of applying Alabama’s motor vehicle registration laws and property tax laws as related to the annual registration and renewal of vehicles during the months of March, April, May and June 2020, the registration deadline has been extended through July 31, 2020, for registrants in counties where the county license plate issuing official’s office was closed at any time during the months of May, June or July 2020 due to COVID-19.

The extension includes the registration of vehicles purchased or otherwise acquired whereby the 20-day registration requirement as provided for in §32-6-61, Code of Alabama 1975, falls during the period of March 17, 2020, through July 31, 2020. The extension also applies to motor vehicle registrations and renewals for vehicles registered pursuant to the International Registration Plan (IRP) when the ad valorem tax was due in a county where the county license plate issuing official’s office was closed anytime during May, June or July 2020 due to COVID-19. Registrants will also be granted the same extension of time to surrender license plates in order to comply with the mandatory liability insurance law in counties where the county license plate issuing official’s office was closed at any time during the months of May, June, or July 2020 due to COVID-19.

B. PENALTY CHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH MARCH, APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2020 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS/RENEWALS AND PAYING PROPERTY TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES. Penalty charges associated with motor vehicle registrations and renewals extended through July 31, 2020, will not be charged until August 3, 2020. Additionally, penalty charges associated with motor vehicle property tax payments extended through July 31, 2020, will not be charged until August 3, 2020.

Entered this 9th day of July 2020.

SIGNED:

Vernon Barnett, Commissioner
Alabama Department of Revenue

ATTEST:

Kelley Askew Gillikin, Secretary
Alabama Department of Revenue

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