

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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BY HIS EXCELLENCY

DANNEL P. MALLOY

GOVERNOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 21

**WHEREAS**, a declaration of civil preparedness emergency was issued by the Governor on October 27, 2012 due to weather forecasts indicating that all or part of Connecticut will be directly affected by Hurricane Sandy, which is predicted to subject the state to a combined tropical and winter super storm, including torrential rainfall, strong winds, and potential coastal and inland flooding over a prolonged period of time;

**WHEREAS**, Connecticut General Statutes section 28-9(b) authorizes and empowers the Governor to take such steps as are reasonably necessary in light of such emergency to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the state, and to modify and suspend in whole or in part, any statute, regulation or requirement or part thereof, whenever the Governor is of the opinion that it is in conflict with the efficient and expeditious execution of civil preparedness functions;

**WHEREAS**, beginning Monday morning, October 29, 2012, the state is expected to experience unprecedented weather conditions, including flooding, fallen trees, and widespread power outages, which will inevitably cause many town halls in the state to close and will limit transportation within the state;

**WHEREAS**, elections for the Connecticut state General Assembly as well as the United States House of Representatives, the United States Senate and electors for the President and Vice President of the United States are scheduled to take place on November 6, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, with limited exceptions, the voter registration deadline to register in person to cast a ballot in the upcoming elections is October 30, 2012;

**WHEREAS**, the conditions caused by Hurricane Sandy are predicted to cause unprecedented flooding, wind damage, power outages, and danger to all Connecticut residents who may attempt to travel to town hall to register to vote in person;

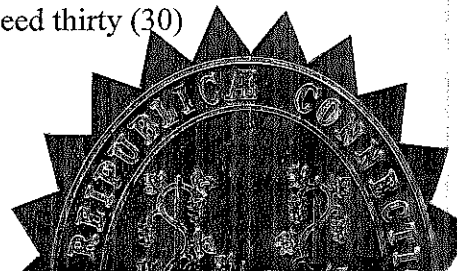
**WHEREAS**, many potential voters will be unable to register due to town hall closures, travel difficulties, downed power lines and other travel hazards;

**WHEREAS**, in light of the emergency conditions, it is appropriate to extend the voter registration deadline to give the most voters the opportunity to register and vote;

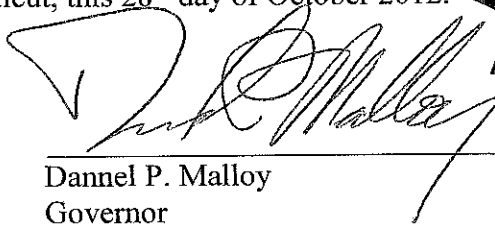
**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Dannel P. Malloy, Governor of the State of Connecticut, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby **ORDER** and **DIRECT** the suspension or modification of the following statutes, regulations or requirements under the following conditions for the reasons stated above:

1. Section 9-17(a) of the General Statutes is modified to the extent that the deadline for all electors to register in person to vote shall be November 1, 2012 at 8:00 p.m. Registrars of voters are not required to hold the mandatory voter registration session that would normally be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m., but shall instead be required to hold such session on Thursday, November 1 from 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon filing with office of the Secretary of State and shall be effective for a period of time not to exceed thirty (30) days unless sooner revoked.

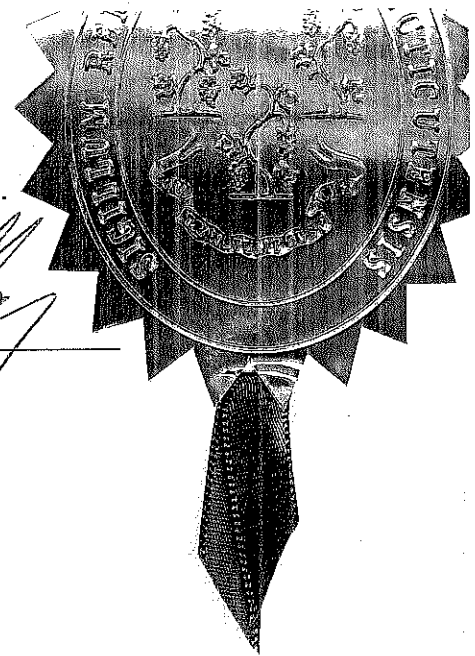


Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October 2012.



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Dannel P. Malloy  
Governor



By His Excellency's Order



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Denise Merrill  
Secretary of the State