

**EMERGENCY ORDER
REINSTATING CHARITABLE BINGO LICENSES**

WHEREAS, Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, by proclamation on March 16, 2020, declared a State of Emergency for all counties in West Virginia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, by Executive Order No. 9-20 on March 23, 2020, ordered closed “all places of public amusement . . . including . . . bingo halls;” and

WHEREAS, I, Dale W. Steager, Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, issued an Emergency Order on March 20, 2020 suspending charitable bingo and raffle licenses; and

WHEREAS, Jim Justice, Governor of the State of West Virginia, by Executive Order No.42-20 on June 4, 2020, pursuant to certain guidelines and limitations, modified and removed prohibitions against certain activities specified in previous Executive Orders; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 42-20 expressly stated that bingo halls may reopen, effective June 5, 2020,

NOW THEREFORE, I, DALE W. STEAGER, Tax Commissioner of the State of West Virginia, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Executive Order 42-20, and under the implicit authority of sections 47-20-23(h)(1) and 47-21-21(h)(1) of the West Virginia Code, hereby **DECLARE** and **ORDER** that the suspension, by the Emergency Order of March 20, 2020, of all charitable bingo licenses issued by the State Tax Division of the West Virginia Department of Revenue, is hereby **REVOKED**, and such charitable bingo licenses are hereby **REINSTATED**. Licensed charitable bingo operations may resume and be conducted in accordance with State issued guidelines for the reopening of restaurants and bars for indoor service; **PROVIDED, THAT** all licensing requirements, all statutory and regulatory time intervals, all license renewal and reporting requirements and all rules for operation of charitable bingo shall apply to charitable bingo licensees and charitable bingo operations, pursuant to such reinstatement. The time intervals and requirements for license renewals, and for mandated financial and accounting reports for charitable bingo licensees and charitable bingo operations shall not be tolled or otherwise altered by reason of the above described reinstatement.

BY ORDER OF THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER
This 5th day of June 2020



Dale W. Steager,
State Tax Commissioner