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Mr. Eric Spratley, Executive Director Nevada Sheriffs' and Chiefs' Association P.O. Box 17971 Reno, NV 89511 eric@NVSCA.com

Re: Emergency Extension of Nevada Concealed Firearms Permit

Dear Director. Spratley:

Due to Governor Sisolak's emergency 30-day closure of State of Nevada and other offices and businesses, Nevada's Concealed Firearm Permit (CFP) holders who have permits that will expire during the period of the state emergency will be unable to renew their permits, and thus be unable to exercise their constitutional right to protect themselves and their families and loved ones.

As a result of the Governor's emergency declaration, and the response of Nevada citizens to purchase firearms, the Department of Public Safety's Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History has been overwhelmed. Additionally, gun ranges, classrooms and CFP instructors are shut down for the duration of the state of emergency, all of which makes it impossible for permittees to qualify for a CFP renewal. This results in the denial of a constitutionally protected right to the Nevada CFP holders whose permits will expire during this emergency and up to 120 days after.

Since NSCA is the leader of the Silver State's Concealed Handgun Permit process, we urge you to immediately redress this situation. Ms. Julie Butler, the Director of the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), has authorized an automatic 90-day extension of pertinent DMV documents, such as driver licenses, NV Identification cards, and vehicle registrations, to ensure that the same situation does not unjustly impair nor hamper Nevada drivers (see copy of letter, enclosed).

Under your direction, the Sheriffs of each county should order an extension or issue temporary permits for those CFP holders whose permits expire during the emergency (including the 120-

day process period thereafter). A letter similar to Ms. Butler's should be sufficient to the purpose.

This temporary permit is authorized by Nevada statute:

## NRS 202.3687 Temporary permits.

- 1. The provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, do not prohibit a sheriff from issuing a temporary permit. A temporary permit may include, but is not limited to, provisions specifying the period for which the permit is valid.
- 2. Each sheriff who issues a permit pursuant to the provisions of NRS 202.3653 to 202.369, inclusive, shall provide such information concerning the permit and the person to whom it is issued to the Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 2726; A 1999, 2095; 2007, 3154)

It is our request that you will take prompt and effective action to address this serious problem.

Sincerely,

Don Turner, President

The Nevada Firearms Coalition is dedicated to the safe use of firearms for self-defense, competition, recreation and hunting. We are the statewide Nevada grassroots organization representing the firearms owners of Nevada. Our membership includes individuals, gun clubs, community organizations, and retail firearm corporations and ranges. We are the State Association for the

National Rifle Association, and a member of the National Shooting Sports Foundation, USA Shooting and the Civilian Marksman Program.

Steve Sisolak Governor



Julie Butler Director

Re: 90-Day Auto Extension

To: Eligible Nevada Residents

Due to office closures for the health and safety of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) customers and staff, the DMV is issuing an automatic 90-day extension of all DMV issued documents (for example, but not limited to: driver's license, identification card, vehicle registration, etc.). This automatic extension applies to <u>any</u> document which contains an expiration date that falls in the following date range:

3/16/2020 thru 4/30/2020

This extension will begin on the date of expiration listed on your DMV issued document. You should carry this letter with your DMV issued document at all times as proof of eligibility for the automatic extension.

Please visit the DMV website for updated information regarding office closures and this extension.

Julie Butler, Director

Department of Motor Vehicles

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