

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW
AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF GAMING
ENFORCEMENT

**ACTION OF THE
DIVISION OF GAMING
ENFORCEMENT TO TEMPORARILY
SUSPEND CASINO and RETAIL
SPORTS WAGERING OPERATIONS
PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 5:12-96**

**ORDER TEMPORARILY
SUSPENDING CASINO and
RETAIL SPORTS WAGERING
OPERATIONS**

WHEREAS, the Division of Gaming Enforcement (Division), on its own motion, is initiating proceedings pursuant to the Casino Control Act, *N.J.S.A. 5:12-1 et seq.* and *N.J.S.A. 5:12A-1 et seq.*, and more specifically Section 96 of that law, to temporarily suspend the operations of the nine casino licensees and two racetrack retail sports wagering lounges; and

WHEREAS, the Division having engaged in discussions with the nine casino licensees and two racetrack licensees regarding its intention to temporarily suspend retail casino and retail sports wagering operations; and

WHEREAS, in light of the dangers posed by COVID-19, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order No. 103 (2020) on March 9, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, which declared both a Public Health Emergency and State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, in order to further address the dangers posed by COVID-19, Governor Philip D. Murphy issued Executive Order No. 104 (2020) on March 16, 2020, the facts and circumstances of which are adopted by reference herein, and which, among other things, ordered closed, casino gaming floors, including, and casino concert and entertainment venues effective at 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order No. 104 permitted online and mobile sports and casino gaming services to be continued to be offered notwithstanding the closure of the physical facility; and


WHEREAS, the Division seeks to implement the relevant provisions of Executive Order No.104;

IT IS on this 16th day of March, 2020, ORDERED that the retail casino wagering and retail sports wagering operations of the nine casino licensees and retail sports wagering operations of the two racetrack retail sports wagering licensees shall be

suspended at 8:00 p.m. on March 16, 2020;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that each casino and racetrack licensee shall, consistent with its internal control submissions in effect pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 5:12-99*, *N.J.S.A. 5:12A-11*, *N.J.A.C. 13:69D-1.3* and *N.J.A.C. 13:69N-1.7*, and subject to any modifications requested by the Division, immediately implement its internal controls to effectuate the orderly closure and cessation of all casino operations, casino simulcasting operations and retail sports wagering operations to the public; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that casino, simulcast facilities and retail sports wagering lounges shall not reopen, and gaming and wagering activities shall not recommence, until the Director of the Division vacates the suspension of those operations by written order.

By: 
David L. Rebeck
Director

Dated: March 16, 2020
