IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF UTAH

IN RE: RENEWAL OF FINDINGS AND EXTENSION OF AUTHORIZATION UNDER THE CARES ACT

GENERAL ORDER 22-001

On March 31, 2020, the Court entered General Order 20-011, authorizing and implementing for up to 90 days certain emergency provisions under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), H.R. 748.

The Court entered General Order 20-020 on June 26, 2020, extending for an additional 90 days the emergency provisions of the CARES Act.

General Order 20-028 was entered on September 28, 2020, again extending for 90 days the emergency provisions of the CARES Act.

The Court entered General Order 20-033 on December 28, 2020, again extending for an additional 90 days the emergency provisions of the CARES Act.

On March 24, 2021, the Court entered General Order 21-004, extending the emergency provisions of the CARES Act for 90 additional days.

On June 21, 2021, the Court entered General Order 21-006, once again extending the emergency provisions of the CARES Act for an additional 90 days.

Most recently, on October 1, 2021, General Order 21-014 was entered, extending again the emergency provisions of the CARES Act for 90 more days.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to present an unprecedented public health emergency in the District of Utah. The daily and weekly average numbers of new infections, hospitalizations, and deaths continued to increase substantially after the Court entered General Order 21-014 on October 1, 2021. As explained more fully in forthcoming General Order 22-002, conditions in the District of Utah continue to pose significant health risks to parties, counsel, witnesses, and court staff. This remains true notwithstanding that the Court has undertaken sweeping measures to attempt to mitigate those risks to the greatest extent possible.

For the reasons articulated in General Order 21-006, and further supported by the COVID-19 related findings made by the Court in forthcoming General Order 22-002, exercising my authority as Chief Judge, I find that the emergency provisions under Section 15002(b) of the CARES Act remain necessary and appropriate in the District of Utah. I renew the findings made in General Orders 20-011, 20-020, 20-028, 20-033, 21-004, 21-006, and 21-014, and extend the authorizations made therein for 90 days unless earlier terminated or modified by further order of the Court.

SO ORDERED this 4th day of January, 2022.

BY THE COURT:

ROBERT SHELBY

CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE