



*Commonwealth of Virginia*  
*Office of the Governor*

## *Executive Order*

### **NUMBER EIGHTEEN (2018)**

#### **DIRECTING THE COMMISSIONER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY OF EXPIRING DRIVER'S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS**

##### **Importance of the Issue**

On Saturday, September 8, 2018, I declared that a state of emergency existed in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the potential impacts of Hurricane Florence. In furtherance of state action to protect the health and general welfare of Virginia residents, some state government offices, including Department of Motor Vehicles customer service centers, in affected regions were closed, which greatly impacted the ability of many Virginians to renew their driver's licenses and identification cards. This widespread emergency closure placed residents at risk of incurring fines and other costs resulting from their inability to renew their credentials in a timely manner.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia, and in accordance with my authority contained in §§ 46.2-330(A) and 46.2-345 of the *Code of Virginia*, in order to prevent any hardship to the residents of Virginia, I hereby direct the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles to extend the validity period of Virginia driver's licenses, learner's permits, commercial driver's licenses, and identification cards issued by the Commonwealth that expire September 11, 2018, through September 16, 2018, until September 21, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

**Effective Date of this Executive Order**

This Executive Order shall be effective from September 11, 2018, and shall remain in full force and effect until September 21, 2018, 11:59:59 PM EST.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2018.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Ralph S. Northam".

Ralph S. Northam, Governor

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kelly Thomasson".

Kelly Thomasson, Secretary of the Commonwealth