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CONTINUED DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an United States outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected internationally, including the United States, and heavily in New York City Counties. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar 11 declared a public health emergency for COVID-19, beginning on January 27, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the CDC identifies the potential public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and in the United States as "high", and has advised that person-to-person spread of COVID-19 will continue to occur globally, including within the United States; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak the CDC and New York State through Governor's Executive Orders has, required all persons implement social distancing for any contacts, wear masks for protection in public; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and disposal of the tissue immediately thereafter, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use of alcohol based hand sanitizers with 60%-95% alcohol if soap

and water are not readily available and routinely cleaning frequently touched surfaces and objects to increase community resilience and readiness for responding to an outbreak; and

WHEREAS, Columbia County has had positive cases of COVID-19 as well as surrounding counties and all across New York State; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures in communities with COVID-19 cases, including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to continue to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of Columbia County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, these circumstances constitute an imminent peril to the public health and safety requiring the adoption of special rules, regulations, procedures and restrictions as emergency measures; and

WHEREAS, as Chief Executive of this municipality, I have exercised the authority given to me under New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, to preserve the Public Safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this community.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Columbia County, it is hereby ordered:

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist within the County of Columbia and shall take effect on February 11, 2021 at 12:00pm, as a uninterrupted continuation of the previously declared state of emergency, and remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days until March 13, 2021, at 12:00pm unless rescinded or modified.

Signed in triplicate this 11th day of February, 2021.



Matt B. Murell, Chairman
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