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**Deputy County Executive Wayne Booth activates Orange County
Emergency Operations Center in response to Winter Storm Stella**

County in State of Emergency effective from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday

Goshen, N.Y. – Deputy County Executive Wayne Booth activated the County’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) at 6 a.m. on Tuesday in response to the major snowstorm hitting the region.

The EOC will remain activated until further notice.

A State of Emergency has been declared in Orange County and will remain in effect from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Tuesday. The declaration prohibits non-essential travel on all county and local roads. All county offices are closed on Tuesday and, unless specifically directed to, employees should not report for work.

“The safety of our residents is of paramount importance,” Booth said. “We urge the public to stay off the roads during the storm and to remain aware of weather advisories. The County’s Emergency Management team will continue to monitor the storm and provide residents with any important updates.”

The County’s EOC is the central point of administration for all public safety emergencies. Along with Booth, Orange County Commissioner of Emergency Services Brendan Casey and Deputy Commissioners Craig Cherry and Alan Mack are on site at the EOC monitoring the storm. Several other agencies, including the Orange County Sheriff’s Office, State Police, the State Department of Homeland Security Emergency Services, American Red Cross, Orange and Rockland Utilities, Orange County Department of Public Works, the County’s Medical

Reserves Corps and the State Department of Transportation are also present at the EOC.

The National Weather Service has issued a Blizzard Warning for Orange County, which is in effect until Tuesday evening. According to the National Weather Service, approximately 12 to 18 inches of snow will accumulate in Orange County during the storm, which will be accompanied by wind gusts as high as 40 mph.

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For more information about storm-preparation efforts in Orange County as well as current weather advisories, please visit the Division of Emergency Management's website at orangecountygov.com/dem, or its Facebook page, facebook.com/OrangeCountyEmergencyManagement/.

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