



COUNTY OF ORANGE
EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 1 of 2020

I, STEFAN “STEVEN” M. NEUHAUS, County Executive of the County of Orange, State of New York, do hereby declare as an Executive Order the following:

WHEREAS, 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission, and, if spread in the population could have significant public health consequences; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order Number 202 declaring a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, at the time this Executive Order is being drafted, the State of New York has advised that 142 persons are known to be infected Statewide with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, while there are no reported cases of infected persons in Orange County, there is one such person in Ulster County and four such persons in Rockland County (counties which directly adjoin Orange County); and

WHEREAS, multiple meetings have been convened by the Orange County Executive with County staff including but not limited to the Commissioners of Health and Emergency Services and the County Attorney to determine what actions may be necessary on the part of the County Government; and

WHEREAS, the Orange County Commissioner of Health has advised me that it would best protect the public health, safety and welfare if the County of Orange were in a position to secure various supplies which would help reduce the likelihood of community spread of COVID-19 (to the extent it is possible to obtain such supplies) as such supplies become and are available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEFAN “STEVEN” M. NEUHAUS, County Executive of the County of Orange, do hereby order and direct the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the aforesaid and for those reasons set forth in Executive Order 202 of the State of New York signed by Governor Cuomo on March 7, 2020, I do hereby find there is a reasonable apprehension of immediate danger of a public health crisis in Orange County and as a result that the public safety is imperiled thereby; and

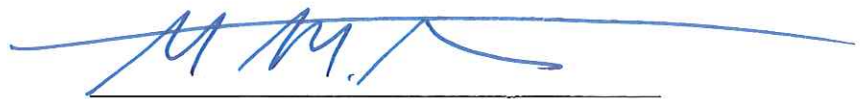
I **FURTHER FIND** it warranted and do hereby declare a LIMITED State of Emergency for the County of Orange, New York pursuant to, inter alia, New York State Executive Law Sections 24 and 25, and powers vested in me under the Orange County Charter, beginning at 4:00 p.m. on March 10 2020, and terminating pursuant to law solely for the purpose of procuring goods and services necessary to better protect the health of the people of Orange County; and

I **FURTHER FIND** that this Limited State of Emergency does not in any way impact travel or County employees or County operations; and

As a result of my declaration, I hereby order the following:

1. That the Commissioners or Head of the following Orange County Departments and/or Offices/Agencies: (a) Aging; (b) Emergency Services; (c) Health; (d) Public Works; (e) Residential Health Care Services; (f) Social Services; (g) Veterans Service; and (h) Youth Bureau; is and are hereby authorized to immediately take whatever steps necessary, including the procurement without competitive bidding of goods and services, to purchase equipment and supplies necessary to protect the health of residents of and people in Orange County as a result of the aforesaid reasonable apprehension of immediate danger in relation to a public health crisis;
2. That this Executive Order be published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in the County and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast and filed within seventy-two hours, or as soon as practicable in the offices of (a) the Orange County Clerk, (b) the Clerk of the Orange County Legislature and (c) the Secretary of State of the State of New York.
3. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and be deemed repealed five days thereafter unless extended.

ORDERED this 10th day of March 2020



**STEVEN M. NEUHAUS
COUNTY EXECUTIVE**