Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Schenectady County Manager

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 virus to be a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a National State of Emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York declared a state of emergency for the entire State of New York on March 12, 2020 wherein the Governor suspended various laws in an effort to protect the public and prevent the transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4 of the Governor’s Executive Order, “Section 3604(7) of the Education Law, to the extent consistent and necessary to allow the commissioner to disregard such reduction in the apportionment of public money due to a failure by a school to meet the instructional requirements proscribed within the section due to the properly executed declaration of a local state of emergency as defined within sub-section (i), a school is directed to close by a state or local health official or following a properly executed declaration of a state of emergency as defined within sub-section(i), limited to the extent that those specified schools are unable to make up missed instructional days;” and

WHEREAS, various School Districts in the County of Schenectady have indicated a need to close in order to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 and other related purposes; and

WHEREAS, in my capacity as the Schenectady County Manager, I previously declared a state of emergency on March 15, 2020 in and for the County of Schenectady and pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law that state of emergency expires on April 16, 2020; and
WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of New York has continued to exercise his authority to issue and extend various executive orders related to the statewide state of emergency, most recently issuing Executive Order 202.15 on April 9, 2020; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rory Fluman, County Manager of the County of Schenectady, by virtue of the authority vested in me in the Charter of the County of Schenectady and Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and to render all appropriate assistance to the safety, well-being, and health of the residents of this County, I declare that a local state of emergency in and for the County of Schenectady immediately upon my execution of this declaration; and

Further, this State of Emergency shall remain in full force and effect for thirty (30) calendar days from the date of its execution, unless rescinded by a subsequent declaration; and

Further, I hereby direct all departments and agencies of the County of Schenectady to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide emergency assistance as I shall from time to time direct.

Rory Fluman
County Manager

Approved as to form and Content

Christopher H. Gardner
County Attorney

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