COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
MARCUS J. MOLINARO
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 of 2020

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in 60 locations internationally, including in the United States. 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 II 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 in China, Iran, Italy and South Korea, the CDC has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict non-essential travel to and from those countries; and

WHEREAS, in response to the recent COVID-19 outbreak the CDC has advised older travelers and those with chronic medical conditions to avoid nonessential travel and all travers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

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WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends community preparedness and everyday prevention measures be taken by all individuals and families in the United States, including voluntary home isolation when individuals are sick with respiratory symptoms, 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, on March 1, 2020 the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in New York State was announced; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020 one (1) individual in Dutchess County tested positive for COVID-19, 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 take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of Dutchess County remain safe and secure;

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, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Dutchess County Charter, Section 3.05(d) of the Administrative Code and pursuant to the provisions contained in New York Executive Law §24, which authorizes the Chief Executive to

promulgate Local Emergency Orders upon a finding that the public safety is imperiled by the event of a public emergency or in the event of reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, to protect life and property and to bring an emergency situation under control;

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

Section 1. Local State of Emergency.

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist within the County of Dutchess and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless it is terminated, rescinded or modified at an earlier date.

Section 2. Punishment.

In accordance with Executive Law Section 24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this order shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

Section 3. Effective Date

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: This 13th day of March, 2020
Poughkeepsie, New York

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