

**AMENDED PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
JOSEPH M. DeSTEFANO, MAYOR
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK**

Pursuant to Section 24 of the New York Executive Law and in accordance with the Code and Charter of the City of Middletown, New York, I, Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor of the City of Middletown, New York, make the following findings and orders in response to the severe snowfall which occurred in the City of Middletown commencing Monday evening, March 13, 2017 and continuing into Tuesday, March 14, 2017:

WHEREAS, a severe snowfall occurred in the City of Middletown commencing Monday evening, March 13, 2017 and continuing into Tuesday, March 14, 2017, and it is expected that the effects of the storm, including wind and wind gusts, snow drifts and impeded travel, will continue through at least Wednesday, March 15, 2017 if not longer, and

WHEREAS, the snowfall totaled approximately 24 inches, creating a public emergency by making travel hazardous, potentially causing trees and limbs to fall in the City due to wind conditions, impeding the flow of emergency vehicles such as fire trucks and police vehicles, causing the closing of schools, and generally imperiling the safety, health, welfare and lives of the residents of the City, and

WHEREAS, the presence of such a large amount of snow impairs the ability of the Department of Public Works of the City to expeditiously clear snow from the roadways and other areas (including sidewalks) in the City, thereby making it difficult for emergency and essential vehicles to pass on such roadways, impacting schools which have had to close, and further imperiling the safety, health and welfare of the residents of the City, and

WHEREAS, local commerce, schools and other institutions serving the public have been and will continue to be adversely impacted and affected because of the large accumulation of snow and in the event the large accumulation of snow on and along City streets, sidewalks and other areas in the City is not cleared expeditiously.

NOW, THEREFORE, based upon the above findings and in accordance with applicable local and state law, I, Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor of the City of Middletown, New York, have promulgated the following local emergency orders to protect life and property and to bring the emergency situation under control:

1. The state of local emergency due to the severe snowfall as set forth above shall be in effect commencing 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, and shall terminate at 12:00 noon on Saturday, March 18, 2017. Such period shall hereafter be designated as “the Emergency Period.”

2. During the Emergency Period, I, as Mayor of the City of Middletown, and/or the Commissioner of Public Works of the City, and/or the Chief of Police of the City, and/or the Chief of the Fire Department of the City, may order the towing and/or immediate removal of any vehicle that is parked or located on or along any street or in any other area within the corporate limits of the City of Middletown, New York if such vehicle(s) impedes the expeditious removal of snow from such streets or areas in the City. Such towing and/or removal may be ordered by any of the

aforesaid individuals without notice to the owner(s) of such vehicle. The cost of such towing and/or removal shall be paid by the owner(s) of such vehicle.

3. During the Emergency Period, I, as Mayor of the City of Middletown, and/or the Commissioner of Public Works of the City, and/or the Chief of Police of the City, and/or the Chief of the Fire Department of the City, can use private contractors as needed and required to assist in the expeditious removal of snow from any streets, sidewalks or other areas in the City.

4. During the Emergency Period, the Department of Public Works of the City of Middletown, New York, may, in the discretion of the Mayor or the Commissioner of Public Works, remove snow, ice, trees, tree limbs or similar objects from private property, including driveways, if the same is required to preserve and protect the health, safety and/or welfare of any resident or residents of the City.

5. For the duration of the Emergency Period, the Mayor has designated the following as emergency shelters: City Hall, located at 16 James Street, Middletown, New York, and the Senior Center, located at 62-70 West Main Street, Middletown, New York. The Mayor and/or the Commissioner of Public Works may designate other locations as emergency shelters, or change the location of the emergency shelter(s), if the need arises.

6. The original Proclamation of Local State of Emergency, issued by me on March 13, 2017, has been amended as set forth above because of the severity of the snowstorm that commenced Monday evening, March 13, 2017, and the lingering effects it is having on residents of the City and the City's roads, sidewalks and other areas of the City and on schools, local commerce and other institutions serving the public.

Promulgated this 15th day of March, 2017, at Middletown, New York.

JOSEPH M. DeSTEFANO, MAYOR
CITY OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK