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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 outbreak of the COVID-19 virus, also known as the Coronavirus, in New York State and particularly in Orange County:

WHEREAS, various Federal and State proclamations have been issued regarding the outbreak of the subject virus and the severe threat it poses to life and health, and

WHEREAS, these proclamations have provided guidance for protection of the public and municipal employees in connection with public activities and gatherings, and access to public buildings, facilities and transportation, and

WHEREAS, cases of transmission and infection of the virus have been recently documented in New York State and particularly in Orange County, and more cases are expected to develop and/or be discovered.

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 health and to bring the emergency situation under control:

1. The state of local emergency due to the virus as set forth above shall be in effect commencing 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 and shall terminate on April 3, 2020, unless rescinded on an earlier date by me. As Mayor, I also have the authority by means of an additional proclamation to extend this state of emergency for a period not to exceed thirty days.

2. All City of Middletown buildings, including City Hall, shall be closed to the general public, unless escorted by a member of the Middletown Police Department or a City employee. Such escorts shall be provided only to those persons having a reasonable need for such access. Persons in need of such access are directed to come in person to the manned entrance between the Police Station and City Hall at 16 James Street.

Alternatively, persons needing access may contact the relevant City Department by telephone.

3. Signs shall be posted at the entrances of all City buildings and shall include the telephone numbers of various City departments. Such telephone numbers shall also be available on the City's website. For those wishing to pay taxes or engage in other written communications, the person manning the entrance between the Police Station and City Hall shall be authorized to accept such materials.

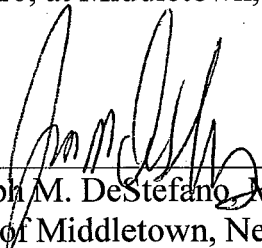
4. All City employees shall report to their regular job sites at the usual times, unless directed to do otherwise. Notwithstanding any agreement or policy to the contrary, all employees are considered essential during this state of emergency. Employees are encouraged, however, to utilize legitimate sick time if they are experiencing any symptoms of flu, fever, coughing or other illnesses.

5. All meetings of City boards, including the Planning and Zoning Boards, are hereby cancelled, subject to the following exceptions. Any City board which must make a reasonably necessary decision during this state of emergency may meet to consider and vote upon such matter(s) upon reasonably practicable notice to the public; public attendance is allowable only pursuant to the escort referred to above. The City Common Council shall continue to hold regularly scheduled or special meetings, if necessary, with public attendance available only through the escort referred to above. All Council meetings shall continue to be televised live. All Council and other Board meetings shall comply with all New York State requirements for conducting public meetings without the public being present.

6. All City events and functions involving the general public are hereby cancelled or postponed until further notice. Exceptions may occur only through advance approval by me.

7. All City Department heads are directed to manage their respective departments and employees in a manner that will minimize exposure of such employees and any members of the general public to the virus in accordance with the recommendations issued by the Orange County Department of Health and all other relevant medical professionals and governmental agencies. Department Heads shall comply with the Interim Guidance virus procedures, dated March 11, 2020, and as updated.

Promulgated this 16th day of March, 2020, at Middletown, New York.



Joseph M. DeStefano, Mayor
City of Middletown, New York