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FROM: Matt B. Murell, Chairman

RE: Columbia County State of Emergency

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Please broadcast and/or publish the attached State of Emergency for the County of Columbia.

Thank you!



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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 11 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 travelers to exercise enhanced precautions; and

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, 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 Columbia County remain safe and secure; and

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

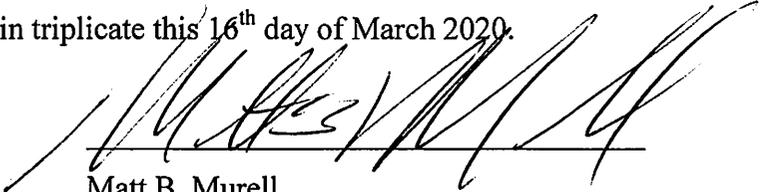
WHEREAS, as Chief Executive of this municipality, I have exercised the authority given to me under New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, to preserve the Public Safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this community.

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

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist within the County of Columbia and shall take effect on March 16, 2020 at 12:00pm and remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days until April 15, 2020, at 12:00pm unless rescinded or modified.

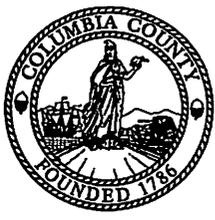
Signed in triplicate this 16th day of March 2020.

Signed:

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Name: Matt B. Murell

Title: Chairman, Columbia County Board of Supervisors



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LOCAL EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1 of 2020

March 16, 2020

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Columbia County declared a State of Emergency in the County of Columbia due to COVID-19 being a public health threat in the County;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the powers vested in me as 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 Columbia County, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. Regulation of Public Gatherings

All social, community, and public events or gatherings, including Columbia County-sponsored events, where it is anticipated that attendance will exceed fifty (50) people or more, shall be restricted, cancelled or postponed. This means all social gatherings of more than fifty (50) should be deferred until further notice. For any meetings that are absolutely necessary, a venue should be chosen that can accommodate a six foot distance between participants. Citizens are asked to restrict public appearances to critical activities such as obtaining fuel, food, or medical care. When in public, please retain a six foot distance from your fellow citizens. Sound personal hygiene techniques should be in practice.

Section 2. Effective Date

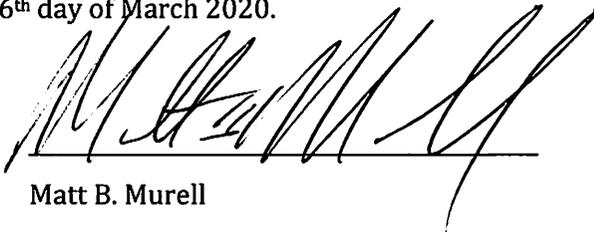
This Local Emergency Order shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 12:00pm.

Section 3. Duration of Local Emergency Order

The Local Emergency Order declared in Section 1 shall remain in effect for five (5) days unless sooner extended or revoked, but may be extended for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days during the pendency of the local state of emergency.

Signed this 16th day of March 2020.

Signed:

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Name:

Matt B. Murell

Title:

Chairman, Columbia County Board of Supervisors