## COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency for the United States in light of the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Covid-19 outbreak as a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President declared a national emergency as a result of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on February 24, 2021, the President continued the declaration of a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2021, the Governor declared a new disaster emergency in the State of New York; and

WHEREAS, the emergence of the delta and omicron variants have led to increased transmission rates and increases in cases of COVID-19 in Westchester County; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 outbreak and the new variants continue to represent a serious threat to the health and safety of the people of Westchester County, and

NOW THEREFORE, I, George S. Latimer, County Executive of the County of Westchester, and Chief Executive Officer of the County of Westchester, do hereby exercise my authority pursuant to Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law to preserve and protect the public health and safety in response to this public health threat; and it is further

DECLARED, that the outbreak and spread of COVID -19 threatens and imperils the public health and safety of the residents of Westchester County; and it is further

DECLARED, that a local state of emergency exists for the County of Westchester for a period beginning at 5:00 pm on this 1st day of February, 2022 and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by subsequent order or extended; and it is further

DECLARED, that all required and available assistance be rendered to address this public health threat which is vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of this County.

George Latimer

County Executive

County of Westchester Dated: February 1, 2022

White Plains, New York

To: Clerk of the Westchester County Board of Legislators
Westchester County Clerk
New York Secretary of State
New York State Office of Emergency Management