

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 further continued it on February 18, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on November 26, 2021, the Governor declared a new disaster emergency in the State of New York; and allowed the State disaster emergency declaration to expire on September 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the expiration of the State declaration has caused Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 to expire immediately, resulting in the immediate resumption of in-person meetings of public bodies, without a period of time to re-notice, schedule, or otherwise take appropriate safety measures for those meetings; and

WHEREAS, the immediate expiration of Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022, while COVID-19 remains a threat to the public health, without time to take appropriate safety measures poses a risk of harm to the people of Westchester County and will disrupt the proper functioning of the County government,

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 emergency; and it is further

DECLARED, that the outbreak and spread of COVID -19 continues to threaten and imperil 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beginning at 12:00 pm on this 14th day of September, 2022 and shall remain in effect until October 1, 2022 or until rescinded by subsequent order or extended for the expressed purpose of continuing virtual meeting of County voluntary Boards and Commission through the end of September; and it is further

DECLARED, that the circumstances underlying this emergency declaration would affect or impair the ability of public bodies in the County of Westchester from complying with in-person meeting requirements.



George S. Latimer
County Executive
County of Westchester

Dated: September 14, 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