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**PROCLAMATION OF EMERGENCY IN AND FOR ONONDAGA COUNTY
BY THE ONONDAGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE
March 13, 2024**

BY THIS PROCLAMATION, I, J. RYAN MCMAHON, II, ONONDAGA COUNTY EXECUTIVE, HEREBY DECLARE A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL LIMITS OF ONONDAGA COUNTY

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, New York City issued Emergency Executive Order No. 398, extending the State of Emergency declared in previous orders, in response to the “thousands” of people arriving in New York City “without having any immediate plans for shelter” and the “unprecedented humanitarian crisis” resulting from the “extraordinary measures” required to “meet the immediate needs of” such persons “while continuing to serve” those “currently using the DHS Shelter System”; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the State of New York declared a state of emergency resulting from the “imminent arrival of individuals to the City and State of New York at an increased rate of what is expected to be several thousand additional people seeking shelter each week” while “the City of New York and other local governments within the State . . . lack the infrastructure, facilities, and resources necessary to meet the immediate humanitarian demand to house and meet other basic needs of the large numbers” of arrivals which is “expected to exacerbate an already large-scale humanitarian crisis and create a disaster emergency to which local governments are unable to adequately respond, creating a threat to health and safety, which could result in the loss of life or property”; and

WHEREAS, the federal Public Health Emergency for COVID-19 expired May 11, 2023, at which time the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s *Public Health Reassessment and Order Suspending the Right to Introduce Certain Persons from Countries Where a Quarantinable Communicable Disease Exists* (the “Title 42 Order”), issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C §§ 362 and 365 and suspending the allowance of certain persons travelling from Canada or Mexico, also expired; and

WHEREAS, the County of Onondaga serves as a designated refugee resettlement community and is expecting to house and resettle nearly 1,900 legal refugees over the next year, and does not have the capacity or resources to receive and sustain an increase in the number of unhoused persons in its shelter system, imperiling public health and safety within the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the Onondaga County Charter and Administrative Code, and the laws of the State of New York, I hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, that the public safety is sufficiently imperiled such that a Proclamation of Emergency is declared within the territorial limits of Onondaga County.

This Proclamation of Emergency hereby rescinds the Proclamation of Emergency originally declared May 18, 2023, and subsequently extended, is effective immediately, and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days through April 12, 2024, unless extended by the Onondaga County Executive.

As the County Executive of Onondaga County, I exercise the authority given me under state law, including New York State Executive Law § 25 to use any and all facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel, and other resources of the County in such manner as may be necessary or appropriate to cope with this disaster or emergency resulting therefrom.

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