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**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 OF 2026**  
**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, a winter storm and its effects are reasonably anticipated to create conditions whereby the public safety is imperiled within the territorial limits of Dutchess County, and

**WHEREAS**, since the winter storm and consequential conditions will render travel dangerous and snow removal difficult, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Dutchess County that a Local State of Emergency be declared, and

**WHEREAS**, the weather is reasonably anticipated to pose imminent peril to public safety creating a public emergency and requiring the adoption of special rules, regulations, procedures and restrictions as emergency measures, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Dutchess County Charter, Section 3.05(d) of the Administrative Code 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 within the territorial limits of Dutchess County,

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

SECTION 1. LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY.

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist within the County of Dutchess and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

SECTION 2. PUNISHMENT.

In accordance with Executive Law Section 24, any person who knowingly violates the provisions of this order shall be guilty of a Class B Misdemeanor.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: this 22nd day of February, 2026  
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**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER #1 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 OF 2026**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2026, Executive Order No. 3 of 2026 declared a Local State of Emergency in the County of Dutchess due to a winter storm; and

**WHEREAS**, a winter storm is reasonably anticipated to affect the entire County on February 22-23, 2026, with significant projected snow accumulations making travel hazardous, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Dutchess County Charter, Section 3.05(d) of the Administrative Code 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 within the territorial limits of Dutchess County,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in order to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Dutchess County, it is hereby ordered:

**SECTION 1. DELAYED OPENING/CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES**

All County Offices will be closed from 12:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026 until 11:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Emergency Order shall take effect at 12:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026.

SECTION 3. DURATION.

The Local Emergency Order declared in Section 1 shall stay in effect for five (5) days unless sooner extended or revoked.

Dated: this 22nd day of February, 2026  
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**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER #2 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 OF 2026**  
**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2026, Executive Order No. 3 of 2026 declared a Local State of Emergency in the County of Dutchess due to an impending winter storm; and

**WHEREAS**, a winter storm reasonably anticipated to affect the entire County on February 22-23, 2026, with significant projected snow accumulations making travel hazardous; such quickly accumulating snow must be timely removed from County roadways, and public works and transportation crews require time to do so, and

**WHEREAS**, the weather poses an immediate risk or reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, and an increase in the response time of emergency vehicles which would endanger the lives and health of the County's residents, commuters, and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Dutchess County Charter, Section 3.05(d) of the Administrative Code 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 within the territorial limits of Dutchess County,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in order to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Dutchess County, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. RESTRICTION OF NON-ESSENTIAL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

Vehicular traffic is prohibited on public roadways within the County of Dutchess, except for essential emergency vehicles and essential personnel vehicles from 9 p.m. February 22, 2026 until 9 a.m. on February 23, 2026.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Emergency Order shall take effect at 9 p.m. on February 22, 2026.

SECTION 3. DURATION.

The Local Emergency Order declared in Section 1 shall stay in effect for five (5) days unless sooner extended or revoked.

Dated: this 22nd day of February, 2026  
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**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER #3 OF EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3 OF 2026**  
**FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, on February 22, 2026, Executive Order No. 3 of 2026 declared a Local State of Emergency in the County of Dutchess due to an impending winter storm; and

**WHEREAS**, a winter storm is affecting the County, with significant snow accumulations which are reasonably anticipated to continue through the afternoon of February 23, 2026, along with blowing winds, making vehicular travel difficult or hazardous; such quickly accumulating snow must be timely removed from County roadways, and public works and transportation crews require time to do so, and

**WHEREAS**, the weather poses an immediate risk or reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, and an increase in the response time of emergency and essential personnel vehicles which would endanger the lives and health of the County's residents, commuters, and visitors, and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the powers vested in me as County Executive by Article III of the Dutchess County Charter, Section 3.05(d) of the Administrative Code 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 within the territorial limits of Dutchess County,

**NOW THEREFORE**, in order to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control, by the power vested in me as Chief Executive of Dutchess County, it is hereby ordered:

SECTION 1. DELAYED OPENING/CLOSURE OF COUNTY OFFICES

By Emergency Order No. 1 of Executive Order No. 3 of 2026, all County Offices were closed from 12:00 a.m. on February 23, 2026 until 9 a.m. on February 23, 2026. Such closure is now extended to 5 p.m. on February 23, 2026.

SECTION 2. RESTRICTION OF NON-ESSENTIAL VEHICULAR TRAFFIC

By Emergency Order No. 2 of Executive Order No. 3 of 2026, vehicular traffic is prohibited on public roadways within the County of Dutchess, except for essential emergency vehicles and essential personnel vehicles from 9:00 p.m. February 22, 2026 until 9 a.m. on February 23, 2026. Such restriction is now extended to 4 p.m. on February 23, 2026.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Local Emergency Order shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 3. DURATION.

The Local Emergency Order declared herein shall stay in effect for five (5) days unless sooner extended or revoked.

Dated: this 23rd day of February, 2026  
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