

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2 OF 2022**

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, a winter storm and its effects are expected to create conditions whereby the public safety is imperiled, and

**WHEREAS**, since the snow, ice and consequential conditions are expected to render travel dangerous, it is in the best interests of the citizens of Dutchess County that a Local State of Emergency be declared, and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to ensure public safety and the orderly transportation of people and goods in the County of Dutchess, and

**WHEREAS**, the weather poses an immediate risk of 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**, 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**, 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, 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 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to exist within the County of Dutchess and shall remain in effect for thirty (30) days unless it is terminated, rescinded or modified at an earlier date.

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 at 12:00 am on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Dated: this 24<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022  
Poughkeepsie, New York



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