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COUNTY OF OSWEGO, NEW YORK - EMERGENCY ORDER 2020-1

Local Emergency Order for: Oswego County

I, James Weatherup, as Chair of the Legislature and Chief Executive of the County of Oswego, in accordance with a declaration of a State of Emergency issued by me on Sunday, March 15, 2020, and pursuant to the authority vested in me under section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, DO HEREBY ORDER all public and private schools (K-12) within the territorial limits of the County of Oswego to close effective Monday, March 16, 2020, and they shall remain closed until Tuesday, April 14, 2020, due to the emerging public health threat of COVID-19 throughout the United States. This order includes extracurricular activities.

I find and determine the COVID-19 pandemic is an urgent, imminent or impending threat qualifying as a "disaster" as that term is defined under New York State Executive Law section 20(2)(b) and that the public health and safety is imperiled thereby.

As both travel-related cases and community contact transmission has been documented within New York State, the County of Oswego is addressing the threat that COVID-19 pandemic poses to the health and welfare of its citizens. Although there are currently no positive COVID-19 cases in Oswego County, this emergency order is a proactive measure to prevent the spread of the virus to students, their families and the community at large and has issued upon consultation by me with the Oswego County Health Department.

This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until expired or rescinded by me as the Chief Executive of the County of Oswego. This order may also be renewed in (5) five-day increments.

Failure to obey this order is a criminal offense, punishable by law under New York State Executive Law section 24(5).

Signed March 15, 2020, at 12:30 p.m. in Oswego County, New York.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signature
James Weatherup
Chairman, Oswego County Legislature

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