EMERGENCY ORDER

ISSUING ISOLATION & QUARANTINE MANDATES FOR LAB-CONFIRMED POSITIVE, PRESUMED POSITIVE, AND INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, on February 1, 2020, pursuant to 10 NYCRR Section 2.1(a), Dr. Howard A. Zucker, as Commissioner of Health of the State of New York, designated 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the State Sanitary Code; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2020 the New York State Public Health and Health Planning Council ratified the designation of 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) as a communicable disease under the York State Sanitary Code through the adoption of emergency regulations amending 10 NYCRR Section 2.1; and

WHEREAS, as of March 8, 2020 and in accordance with the federal Center for Disease Control's (CDC) "Interim US Guidance for Risk Assessment and Public Health Management of Persons with Potential 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)," the New York State Department of Health has issued directives requiring all persons who have tested positive or are presumed positive for COVID-19 to be isolated; and

WHEREAS, New York State Department of Health has issued a directive prescribing that persons who have been in close contact (6 feet) of someone who has tested positive must be quarantined as they may be a menace to others; and

WHEREAS, the number of confirmed COVID-19 cases within Sullivan County has been increasing, with travel related cases and contact cases reported and expected to continue, making it imperative for local government and local law enforcement to have all available measures to safely enact and quarantine and isolation orders; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, I, Joshua Potosek, the Chief Executive of the County of Sullivan, issued a declaration of a State of Emergency pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joshua Potosek, the Chief Executive of the County of Sullivan, in
accordance with the declaration of a State of Emergency issued on March 13, 2020, and pursuant to Executive Law Section 24, hereby order that:

1. All persons who are lab confirmed positive or are presumed positive with COVID-19 by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or Sullivan County Public Health Services, be isolated and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain isolated at their primary residence, or at any Facility designated by the Sullivan County Public Health Services until Sullivan County Public Health Services confirms that such person(s) no longer requires isolation pursuant to New York State's minimum criteria for discontinuance; and

2. All persons who have been in close contact to an individual who meets the criteria in Paragraph 1, as determined by a New York State Licensed Medical Health Care Provider or Sullivan County Public Health Services, be quarantined and travel directly to, if not already located there, and remain quarantined at their primary residence for fourteen (14) days from the date of last exposure, as determined by Sullivan County Public Health Services.

This Order is necessary to safeguard the public health and welfare and to assist in controlling the disaster effort. This Order is intended to comply with all laws and regulations, state and federal, and shall be read and interpreted in such manner.

This Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect for five (5) days unless rescinded or modified earlier by the Chief Executive. This Order may also be renewed for additional periods not to exceed five (5) days each during the pendency of this local state of emergency.

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

Signed this the 14th day of April, 2020, at 2:30 am in the County of Sullivan, New York.

Joshua A. Potosek, M.B.A.
County Manager, County of Sullivan

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Executive Assistant to the County Manager