STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Tompkins County, effective at 12:00 A.M. on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

This State of Emergency has been declared due to Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19), which the World Health Organization has designated as a worldwide pandemic. COVID-19 is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission, and if spread in the population could have significant public health consequences. Travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented throughout New York State and on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo, pursuant to Executive order 202 declared a disaster emergency in the State of New York.

Although there are no confirmed cases within Tompkins County to date, this situation is rapidly evolving, and the threat of this virus is imminent to the citizens and visitors of Tompkins County. It is necessary that Tompkins County be proactive and fully prepared to deal with its effects.

As the Chief Executive of Tompkins County, I, Jason Molino, County Administrator, exercise the authority given me under Article 2-B, Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, for the purpose of procuring goods and services, and to render all required and available assistance to municipalities and school districts that is vital to the security, well-being, and health and safety of the citizens of Tompkins County.

This State of Emergency does not in any way impact travel and County operations will continue unchanged unless otherwise advised.

I hereby direct all departments and agencies of Tompkins County to take the steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty days or until rescinded or renewed by a subsequent order.

Jason Molino  
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Jason Molino  
(Signature)  
County Administrator  
(Title)  
3/13/20  
(Date)  

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