BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
PHILIP C. BARRETT, CHAIRMAN

LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared in the County of Saratoga effective at 12am on October 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, this Local State of Emergency has been declared due to the expiration of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order under Title 42 on May 11, 2023, which suspended the allowance of certain persons travelling from Canada or Mexico, resulting in an overwhelming number of persons crossing over the open border of the United States; and

WHEREAS, over the past several months, New York City has seen a recent surge of people to its shelter system; and

WHEREAS, New York City has represented that due to the recent surge of people to its shelter system the City will relocate people to other communities within the State; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, New York City's stated goal is to support the people relocated to other Counties for an undetermined amount of time, with no plans to relocate the individuals back to New York City, and no guarantee of continued financial support for these relocated individuals, and such a program would significantly increase the demand on the County of Saratoga's Social Services District; and

WHEREAS, as of 2022 the US Census Bureau estimates the population of Saratoga County to be 238,797, and the County is rated to be one of the fastest growing counties in New York State and, therefore, would be especially sensitive to further change in population; and

WHEREAS, the County of Saratoga does not have the capacity or resources or infrastructure to receive and sustain a significant increase in its population; and

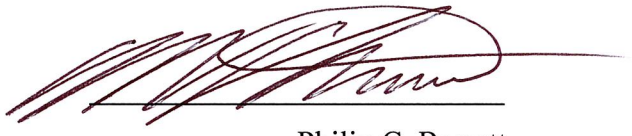
WHEREAS, due to the above circumstances and threat to public safety, I find reasonable apprehension of the immediate danger thereof that public safety and public health is imperiled thereby, for persons residing in or traveling to the County of Saratoga; and

NOW THEREFORE, as the Chief Executive of the County of Saratoga, I, Philip C. Barrett exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law,

to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the persons of this Municipality, and hereby proclaim and declare a local state of emergency within the County of Saratoga, effective October 1, 2026 and continuing until October 30, 2026, unless such local state of emergency is rescinded or extended.

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

This declaration shall be executed in quadruplicate and filed within seventy-two hours or as soon thereafter as practicable in the office of the Clerk of the Board, the office of the County Clerk, the New York State Secretary of State, and the New York State Office of Emergency Management within the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.



Philip C. Barrett
Chairman, Board of Supervisors