

County of Chemung

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

Executive Order # 2020-02

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus that has now been detected in 60 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2," and the disease caused has been called "coronavirus disease 2019" ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, United States Health and Human Services, New York State Governor, has designated the COVID-19 outbreak as a Public Health Emergency; and both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State, and more are expected to continue; and that COVID-19 poses to the health and welfare of its residents and visitors of Chemung County; and

WHEREAS, on March 1, 2020, the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in New York State was announced; and

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor of the State of New York, issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State Disaster Emergency for the entire State of New York until September 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, United States President declared a National Emergency to contain COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue; and

WHEREAS, the CDC currently recommends mitigation measures, including staying at home when sick, keeping away from others who are sick and staying at home when a household member is sick with respiratory disease symptoms or if instructed to do so by public health officials or a health care provider; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and appropriate to take action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of Chemung County remain safe and secure; 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 Chemung County Charter, Section 301 & 302 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 the immediate danger thereof, to protect life and property and to bring an emergency situation under control; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I CHRISTOPHER J. MOSS, Chemung County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Chief Executive of Chemung County, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. The local State of Emergency

A Local State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist within the County of Chemung 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 immediately.

GIVEN, under my hand and the Seal of the County of Chemung in the City of Elmira this fourteenth day of March, in the year Two Thousand Twenty.



COUNTY OF CHEMUNG

Hon. Christopher J. Moss
Chemung County Executive