

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 1 OF 2020  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY  
IN THE VILLAGE OF BABYLON**

**WHEREAS**, on or about December 31, 2019, the first reported case of severe phenomena was reported in China, and by January 7, 2020, the virus was identified as a new coronavirus, COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic is in many ways a completely unprecedented situation, and as such, is an imminent threat to public health; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020 the State of New York declared a State of Emergency to allow New York's government to respond faster by lifting regulations, as the number of coronavirus cases in New York rises; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020 the County of Suffolk declared a State of Emergency, which lifts some restrictions and provides powers including bypassing purchasing regulations, thus allowing the county to act more quickly; and

**WHEREAS**, this event has caused hospitals to be overburdened; sickness to the population; the disruption of local supplies, and may result in personal hardships, self-quarantine and mandatory quarantine of infected people, and continues to pose a threat to the public health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, two residents of the Town of Babylon tested positive for COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works declared that the number of Village Vehicles, Machinery Equipment and Supplies, could not provide for the current threat upon public highways, streets and public areas within the Village of Babylon, in the time necessary to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, I, Ralph A. Scordino, as Mayor, declared that the Village was unable, with its current resources, to provide adequate emergency services to deal with the spread of the virus and that the Commission requires a declaration of emergency to allow the Village to speed up the purchasing of supplies and the hiring of workers to assist departments that have been supervising and monitoring Village facilities, employees, and residents; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the Superintendent of the Department of Public Works declared that the number of employees within the Village of Babylon is insufficient to meet this threat in the time necessary to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the

public, without the use of outside contractors, seasonal employees and the implementation of emergency procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, there exists a current danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public in the Village of Babylon due to COVID-19 and the lack of adequate emergency personnel, equipment and supplies to meet this threat within the Village of Babylon; and

**WHEREAS**, as Mayor of the Village of Babylon I desire to declare a state emergency to ensure we have the tools to respond to COVID-19 and the Village's needs more quickly and effectively; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to police powers of local government, the Mayor of a Suburban Village within the State of New York is empowered to act in a situation such as this, in the best interest of the public and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and;

**WHEREAS**, New York State Town Law Art. 3-A, authorizes the Mayor of a Suburban Village within the State of New York to act in a situation such as this, in the best interest of the public and to provide for the health, safety and welfare of the public, and;

**WHEREAS**, New York State Executive Law, Section 24, Article 2-B, authorizes the Executive of a Village within the State of New York to act in situations such as that aforementioned and in accord therewith, to declare a Local State of Emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ralph A. Scordino, Mayor of the Village of Babylon, State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, I hereby find, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, that a disaster has occurred throughout the Village of Babylon, for which the resources of the Village of Babylon, in the normal course of business, are unable to respond adequately, and I do hereby declare a State of Emergency for the entire Village of Babylon; and

**FURTHER**, pursuant to Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I direct the implementation of a plan deal with the COVID-19 pandemic and the residual and consequential effects thereof, and authorize all necessary departments within the Village, specifically, but not limited to, the Department of Public Works, to take appropriate action in responding to and recovering from this public health, welfare and safety emergency, to protect local property, and to provide such other assistance as is necessary to protect public health, welfare and safety;

**FURTHER**, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 24 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to allow adequate staffing and efficient operation of the Village of Babylon, specifically, but not limited to, the Department of Public Works, for the purpose of facilitating the timely response to the COVID-19 and to protect and preserve the health, safety and welfare of the public, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, as the case may be, for a period of five days, any rules and regulations, or parts thereof, if

compliance with such provisions would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the State of Emergency.

**G I V E N** under my hand and the Privy Seal of the Village of Babylon this thirteenth day of March in the year two thousand twenty.



RALPH A. SCORDINO

Mayor

Village of Babylon