



# State of New York

## Executive Chamber

No. 34

### EXECUTIVE ORDER

#### DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTY OF JEFFERSON

**WHEREAS**, a water main break in the City of Watertown has disrupted the supply of water to the entire city, impacting residents, schools, hospital and care facilities, fire and emergency response, businesses, Fort Drum, and neighboring Towns.

**WHEREAS**, the current water supply is expected to run out today creating a public health and safety emergency.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANTONIO DELGADO**, Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, and acting pursuant to Article IV, section five of the New York State Constitution, and pursuant to Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby find that a disaster is imminent for which the affected local governments are unable to respond adequately. Therefore, I hereby declare a State Disaster Emergency effective October 19, 2023, within the territorial boundaries of the County of Jefferson. This Executive Order shall be in effect through November 18, 2023; and

**FURTHER**, pursuant to Section 29 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I direct the implementation of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and authorize, effective October 19, 2023, State agencies as necessary, to take appropriate action to protect State property and to assist affected local governments and individuals in responding to and recovering from this disaster, and to provide such other assistance as necessary to protect the public health and safety.

**FURTHER**, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through November 18, 2023, the following laws:

- General Municipal Law Article 5-A to the extent necessary to purchase supplies, services, including construction, and equipment without following the standard notice and procurement processes;
- Section 97-G of the State Finance Law, to the extent necessary to purchase food, supplies, services, and equipment or furnish or provide various centralized services to assist affected local governments, individuals, and other non-state entities;

- Section 112 of the State Finance Law, to the extent consistent with Article V, Section I of the State Constitution, and to the extent necessary to add additional work, sites, and time to state contracts; and
- Sections 163 of the State Finance Law and Article 4-C of the Economic Development Law, to the extent necessary to purchase commodities, services, technology, and materials without following the standard notice and procurement processes.



G I V E N under my hand and the Privy Seal of  
the State in the City of Albany this  
19<sup>th</sup> day of October in the year two  
thousand twenty-three.

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BY THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Pursuant to Article IV of the New York State Constitution

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "W. P. K." with a long horizontal stroke.

Secretary to the Governor