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Executive Chamber

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXTENDING THE DECLARATION OF A DISASTER IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK DUE TO FEDERAL ACTIONS RELATED TO VACCINE ACCESS

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently taken a series of actions that appear contrary to public health, including with respect to the administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Food and Drug Administration, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and such entities' vital functions in protecting public health, including with respect to the administration of federal law concerning vaccines;

WHEREAS, as a result of these actions by the federal government, pharmacies in New York imposed restrictions on the administration of the COVID-19 vaccines, jeopardizing the State's ability to support public health and safety through prevention;

WHEREAS, to ensure that the State retains its ability to support public health and safety, on September 5, 2025, I issued Executive Order 52 declaring a State Disaster Emergency in the State of New York arising from these actions by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, these actions by the federal government continue to jeopardize the State's ability to support public health and safety;

NOW THEREFORE, I **Kathy Hochul**, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby find a continued need for a statewide disaster emergency order and do hereby extend the State Disaster Emergency as set forth in Executive Order Number 52 and continue the terms, conditions, and suspensions contained therein through and including March 20, 2026.

G I V E N under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this 18th day of February in year two thousand twenty-six.



Kathy Hochul

BY THE GOVERNOR

[Signature]

Secretary to the Governor