EXECUTIVE ORDER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 198.9: CONTINUING THE DECLARATION OF DISASTER EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTIES OF CAYUGA, JEFFERSON, MONROE, NIAGARA, ORLEANS, OSWEGO, ST. LAWRENCE, AND WAYNE

WHEREAS, pursuant to Executive Order 198, a disaster has heretofore been declared within the counties of Cayuga, Jefferson, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Wayne due to extensive flooding, widespread erosion, and water damage that caused significant damage to homes and other residential structures, businesses, and public infrastructure;

WHEREAS, historic high water levels in Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River continue to be of concern as a cause of flooding, widespread erosion, and water damage, which continues to jeopardize infrastructure, coastline structures, natural barriers, and navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Resiliency and Economic Development Initiative Commission has identified high-priority projects that are urgently needed to protect homes, businesses, and critical infrastructure; to sustainably maintain safe navigation channels; and to address the immediate and long-term resiliency of communities along Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence River.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the Laws of the State of New York, do hereby find that a disaster continues to exist for which affected state agencies and local governments are unable to respond adequately. Therefore, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I hereby continue the declaration of the State Disaster Emergency effective November 20, 2019, as set forth in Executive Order 198, within the territorial boundaries of the counties of Cayuga, Jefferson, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans, Oswego, St. Lawrence, and Wayne. The provisions set forth in Executive Order 198 and this Executive Order shall continue and remain in effect until February 26, 2021; and
FURTHER, pursuant to Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I also hereby continue all of the temporary suspensions or modification of any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, 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 or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, to include all suspensions and modifications, terms, conditions, directives, and temporary suspension of identified provisions from the date that such disaster emergency as was declared and identified in Executive Order No. 198, et. seq.,

GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this twenty-sixth day of August in the year two thousand twenty.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor