



**ONEIDA COUNTY  
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**PROCLAMATION EXTENDING LOCAL STATE  
OF EMERGENCY IN THE COUNTY OF ONEIDA**

WHEREAS, the United States has experienced a dramatic increase in migration from or through Mexico and Canada, including a dramatic increase in the number of persons seeking asylum or who have illegally entered and remained in the United States; and

WHEREAS, in an effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an order, effective August 2, 2021, prohibiting the introduction into congregate settings of noncitizens arriving from or through Mexico and Canada (the "COVID-19 Migration Order"); and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Migration Order decreased, but did not eliminate, migration into the United States from or through Mexico and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 Migration Order expired on May 11, 2023; and

WHEREAS, in the last year, the State of Texas has transported tens of thousands of persons, including migrants and asylum seekers, from Texas to the City of New York, and even greater numbers have moved to the City of their own volition, straining the City's homeless and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2023, as a result of the strain placed on the City of New York, the Mayor of the City of New York announced plans to bus persons including migrants and asylum seekers arriving in the City to counties outside of the City of New York, without assessing the capabilities of counties outside of the City of New York to house and feed such vulnerable populations and lacking all authority or jurisdiction to require the same; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the Governor of the State of New York declared a disaster emergency within the State of New York, finding and declaring that upon the expiration of the COVID-19 Migration Order, a humanitarian disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, by press release dated September 26, 2023, the Mayor of the City of New York announced plans to expand the New York City Fighting Homelessness and Eviction Prevention Supplement program by providing five years (or more) of rental vouchers to New York City residents who agree to relocate from New York City to counties in upstate New York and Long Island; and

WHEREAS, the County of Oneida strives to be a welcoming community; however, the mass transportation and housing of dozens or hundreds of persons to the County will present a grave risk to the social, health, and emergency services resources of the County, particularly while the County's inventory of housing and emergency housing is at historic lows; and

WHEREAS, should the City of New York abruptly transport large numbers of persons to the County, it will create a social, health, and emergency services crisis, causing an increase in homelessness, and will threaten the health and public safety of County residents and any relocated persons; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Executive Law Section 24 and Oneida County Administrative Code Section 302(k), the County Executive is empowered to proclaim and declare a local state of emergency upon a reasonable apprehension of a public emergency or an emergency affecting the life, health, and safety of inhabitants of the County; and

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2023, the Oneida County Executive proclaimed a local state of emergency within the County (the "Proclamation of Emergency"), effective for thirty days, and on June 10, 2023, July 10, 2023, August 10, 2023, September 10, 2023, and October 11, 2023, the County Executive issued proclamations extending the local state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, the circumstances necessitating the Proclamation of Emergency have not abated, and therefore the Proclamation of Emergency must be extended in order to secure the health and safety of Oneida County, its residents, and the relocated persons;

NOW THEREFORE, I PROCLAIM AND DECLARE that the Proclamation of Emergency within the County of Oneida is hereby extended and in effect from November 11, 2023 through December 11, 2023, unless I rescind or again extend such Proclamation of Emergency.

This proclamation shall be executed in quadruplicate and filed within seventy-two hours or as soon thereafter as practicable in the office of the Clerk of Board of Legislators, the office of the County Clerk, the New York Secretary of State, and the New York State Office of Emergency Management withing the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services.

  
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ANTHONY J. PICENTE, JR.  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

DATE: November 11, 2023