VILLAGE OF GOSHEN, NEW YORK

DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 4 OF 2020

I, Michael Nuzzolese, duly elected Mayor of the Village of Goshen, New York, do hereby declare as an **EXECUTIVE ORDER** the following:

WHEREAS, there exists a declared novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by the World Health Organization, and the recognition of its present and substantial impact to the United States generally, and the State of New York specifically, by the respective declarations of emergencies by the President and Governor, and

WHEREAS, the serious impact of COVID-19 upon the Village of Goshen, although presently unknown due to a lack of testing authorized by applicable governmental agencies, is inevitable and will cause a significant health and safety threat to the residents of the Village of Goshen and those who work in and/or visit the Village, and

WHEREAS, the existence of these conditions pose a real, immediate and continued danger to the health of our community, and which requires immediate measures to protect the lives, health and safety of the people in the Village of Goshen, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, I, as the Mayor of the Village of Goshen, and its' Chief Executive, am authorized to proclaim a local state of emergency within any part or all of the territorial limits of the Village of Goshen and in connection therewith the Mayor may promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property and bring the emergency situation under control, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 103(4) of the General Municipal Law, the Village is authorized to forego the competitive bidding process when conditions exist whereby circumstances affecting public buildings, public property or the life, health or safety of the inhabitants of the Village of Goshen require immediate action which cannot await the competitive bidding process to take place,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Nuzzolese, as Mayor and Chief Executive of the Village of Goshen, New York have heretofore found the public safety to be imperiled by the present and imminent pandemic conditions of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the resulting risk to the lives of residents, officials, rescue workers and others in the Village of Goshen and, consequently, to safeguard the lives, health, safety, and property of the public, have heretofore declared a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** for the entire Village of Goshen pursuant to, *inter alia,* New York State Executive Law Sections 24 and 25, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2020, and continuing for a period of thirty (30) days or until rescinded by a subsequent order or until such time that I declare the State of Emergency is no longer necessary whichever shall come first, unless and until this Emergency Declaration is modified and/or continued; and

I FURTHER FIND, that conditions exist that pose a threat to the public health, safety and environment and, due to the fact that immediate action may be required to perform emergency

repairs and services, and procure goods and services to prevent loss of life, protect the public health and safety, such that the Village of Goshen cannot wait for the competitive bidding process and/or local procurement process to take place for the procurement of goods and services by the Village of Goshen related to the conditions giving rise to this Declaration of Emergency, I hereby suspend such competitive bidding and local procurement processes to the extent necessary to meet the present pandemic crisis; and

I FURTHER ORDER THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL ACTIONS PURSUANT TO THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER, as a result of my declaration of a State of Emergency, which actions shall remain in effect for a period of five (5) days unless extended or rescinded by further Executive Order: :

1. Interactions with the Village Hall and each of the offices and places of business of the government of the Village are hereby limited to appointment only arranged by advance communication either by telephone or email, except for emergency transactions.

2. The foregoing notwithstanding, Village Court may, in the discretion of the Village Justice, proceed as may be required by law to conduct court activities consistent with the guidelines and protocols established by the New York State Office of Court Administration. All reasonable and appropriate health and safety precautions shall be undertaken by the Court.
3. All Village employees shall continue to report to work as directed from time to time and carry out their duties as may be required under the particular circumstances in existence so as to allow the Village to continue with its important work of providing essential services to the inhabitants and property owners of the Village of Goshen.
4. All meetings of Village Board, Planning Board, and Zoning Board of Appeals scheduled for the month of March are cancelled.
5. The issuance of all essential building permits, certificates of occupancy, and/or other Village issued permits, including building and fire and other essential, necessary and required inspections as well as the issuance of municipal search reports shall continue, unless the Building Inspector determines that circumstances exist affecting health and safety to warrant an exception and delay in taking any such action within the purview of the Building Department.
6. The payment of all monies to the Village, including but not limited to water/sewer payments, must be made by mail and postmarked no later than the last due date. Payments must be made by bank or personal check only. No cash should be mailed.
7. All Village departments shall continue to provide essential services. Department Heads are authorized to adopt and implement and such protocols as they may deem necessary and appropriate to both protect their work force while at the same time providing essential Village services.
8. The status of the availability of Village parks for access by the public shall be shall be determined on a case by case basis and such parks may be closed to the public as is deemed necessary under the circumstances. All Town/Village of Goshen Joint Recreation Commission activities are cancelled until further notice.
9. The Senior Center is closed and all Senior Center club related activities, including bus tours, shall cease.

All Village of Goshen local law or Code provisions that are contrary to the above are hereby suspended to the extent necessary, and all other Village of Goshen local law or Code provisions that may prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with this emergency are also suspended, but only to the minimum deviation extent necessary.

This executive order shall take effect as noted above, at 9:00 a.m. on April 6, 2020, and pursuant to New York Executive Law § 24, shall be published as soon as practicable in a newspaper of general circulation in the area and transmitted to the radio and television media for publication and broadcast.

THIS EXECUTIVE ORDER WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT FOR FIVE (5) DAYS OR UNTIL RESCINDED BY A SUBSEQUENT ORDER.

ORDERED this 6th day of April 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

MICHAEL NUZZOLESE, Mayor