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E X E C U T I V E O R D E R

Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York; and

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to continue;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, 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, 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to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, do hereby continue the suspensions and modifications of law, unless superseded, modified or otherwise expired, made by Executive Order 202 and each successor Executive Order to 202, for thirty days until April 20, 2021.

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 925-a of the Real Property Tax Law to extend during a State disaster emergency the period for paying property taxes without interest or penalties upon request of the chief executive officer of an affected county, city, town, village or school district, I do hereby extend by twenty-one days the period for paying, without interest or penalty, property taxes that are due in the following localities that have requested such an extension: Village of Great Neck Estates, Nassau County;

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Chapter 71 of the Laws of 2021 to modify or extend any directive issued during this disaster emergency necessary to cope with such disaster, I hereby modify and extend the following directives consistent with Chapter 71 of the Laws of 2021 for the period from the date of this Executive Order through April 20, 2021:

- The directive contained in Executive Order 202.57 that allowed local chief executives to postpone the operation of any gym, fitness center or class is hereby extended and modified to provide that, effective March 22, 2021, indoor fitness classes shall be permitted to operate, subject to adherence to Department of Health guidance.
- The directive contained in Executive Order 202.74 that limited non-essential private residential gatherings to 10 or fewer individuals is hereby extended and modified only insofar as to permit non-essential private residential outdoor gatherings of up to 25 people, effective March 22, 2021, provided that social distancing, face covering, and cleaning and disinfection protocols required by the Department of Health are adhered to; in addition, it is hereby further modified, effective April 2, 2021, to permit events, arts, and entertainment venues to reopen at up to 33% capacity, with up to 100 people indoors and up to 200 people outdoors, or up to 150 people indoors and up to 500 people outdoors if all attendees present proof of a negative COVID-19 test, provided that social distancing, face covering, and cleaning and disinfection protocols required by the Department of Health are adhered to.

G I V E N under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany this twenty-first day of March the year two thousand twenty-one.

BY THE GOVERNOR

Secretary to the Governor

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