

**DECLARATION LOCAL EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

WHEREAS, on February 3 and 4, 2023 a freeze occurred in the Town of New Milford (Town) that caused a water pipe to burst in the Town-owned Public Library building causing extensive water damage; and

WHEREAS, the library building will not be fully habitable for educational, enrichment or community activities until remediated, and

WHEREAS, numerous issues relating the damage and logistical exigencies that arise and circumstances attendant to addressing them will likely require immediate or rapid action, including, without limitation, filing and perfecting insurance claims, arranging for remediation contractors and expediting repairs; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the Town, through its Mayor, have all reasonably necessary authority to efficiently and effectively attend to ameliorating the effect of the damage and restore it to habitability,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-1(8), and New Milford Charter Section 502, that the Town is in a state of a local emergency as a result of the damage caused by the freeze of February 3 and 4, 2023; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of said state of emergency I, Pete Bass, as the Town of New Milford's chief executive officer, shall assume and exercise the powers, functions, and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a) and 28-1(8), New Milford Charter Sections 808(d), 501 and 502, including all rights and authorities provided for under the Town's Code of Ordinances, and may take such action as necessary to mitigate this emergency consistent with pertinent constitutional, statutory, regulatory, Charter, and Ordinance provisions; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by further order; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this Order shall be available for review and inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of New Milford during regular business hours and shall be posted at both the Town Clerk's Office and on the Town's website at www.newmilford.org .

Pete Bass
Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

Attested: 
Noreen Prichard, Town Clerk