

**DECLARATION LOCAL DISASTER EMERGENCY
FOR THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT
PURSUANT TO CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES CHAPTER 517**

WHEREAS, on Tuesday, July 5 , 2022, a fire occurred in the New Milford (Town) High School building requiring multiple emergency response teams and resulting in significant and extensive fire, smoke and water damage; and

WHEREAS, the school building will not be fully habitable for educational and school activities and classes for an indefinite period of time, and

WHEREAS, numerous issues relating to the fire loss and logistical exigencies that arise will likely require immediate or rapid action, including, without limitation, filing and perfecting insurance claims, arranging for contractor termination and intervention, leasing or purchasing and emplacing temporary classroom and other structures and seeking available grants and financing vehicles; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important that the Town, through its Mayor, have all reasonably necessary authority to efficiently and effectively allow Town boards and agencies to attend to ameliorating the effect of the fire loss and to provide necessary temporary classrooms and structures until the high school building is fully habitable for all educational and school related purposes,

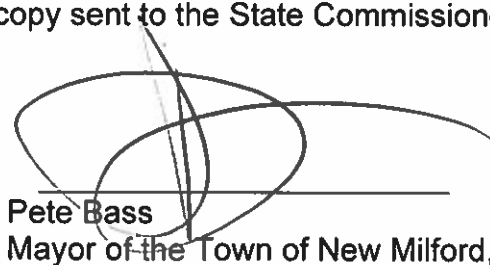
NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-1(8), and New Milford Charter Section 502, that the Town is in a state of a local disaster emergency as a result of the damage caused by the New Milford High School fire of July 5, 2022; and

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of said state of emergency and local civil preparedness emergency I, Pete Bass, as the Town of New Milford's chief executive officer and chief administrative 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 the power and authority to temporarily suspend the effect of regulations of other municipal agencies, together with and all rights and authorities provided for under the Town's Code of Ordinances, and may take such action as necessary to protect the public health and mitigate this emergency consistent with pertinent constitutional, statutory, regulatory, Charter, and Ordinance provisions; and

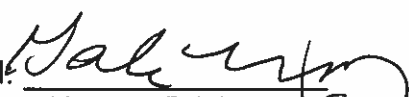

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this state of emergency shall remain in effect until terminated by further order; and

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 and a copy sent to the State Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public Protection.

Dated: July 11, 2022



Pete Bass
Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

Attested: 
~~Deputy~~ ~~Mureen Prichard~~ 
Town Clerk
Town of New Milford

