

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

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2023 the New Milford Board of Education surrendered custody and control of the so-called East Street School Building ("Building") , having been in possession of that building and utilizing it for administrative offices for many years, and

WHEREAS, the Building also houses the local community food assistance organization known as Camella's Cupboard, which gathers, stores and distributes foodstuffs to those in need, and

WHEREAS, upon surrender of the Building to the Town, inspection by New Milford Department of Public Works personnel revealed a defective steam boiler as a potential source of moisture release into the Building and what appeared to be significant mold contamination and growth throughout, particularly in the area housing the foodstuffs collected by Camella's Cupboard, and 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, the Town tested the Building for the presence of mold and testing revealed that in fact mold contamination is present throughout the Building and especially in the area housing Camella's Cupboard, such that the Health Director recommends that face masks be worn for those entering the Camella's Cupboard area, and

WHEREAS the Building in its present contaminated state presents a health risk to those entering it and should not be fully utilized for community activities until remediated it is critically important that the Town, through its Mayor, have all reasonably necessary authority to efficiently and effectively evacuate the uses now at the Building, attend to ameliorating the effect of the contamination and restore it to community use, and provide temporary alternate places to allow for the continuation of activities,

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 limited local emergency as a result of the mold contamination hereinbefore described.

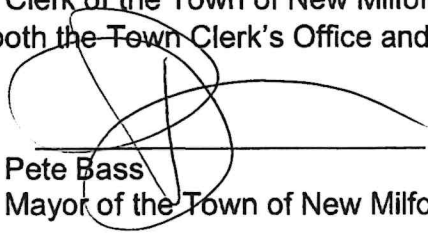
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of said state of emergency as to the Building, I, Pete Bass, as the Town of New Milford's chief executive officer, shall assume and exercise the powers, functions, and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut 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

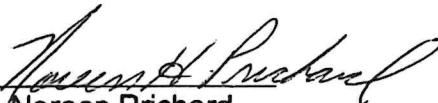
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that this limited state of emergency shall remain in effect until the Building is evacuated and remediated or terminated by further order; and

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.

Dated: August 11, 2023


Pete Bass
Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

Attested:


Noreen Prichard
Town Clerk
Town of New Milford

