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

WHEREAS, on October 11, 2024, the New Milford Department of Public Works and the Connecticut Department of Transportation identified certain drainage and runoff concerns, as well as necessary pipe repairs, on or near the New Milford Police Department property located at 49 Poplar Street, New Milford, Connecticut (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, efforts to address and resolve the drainage and runoff concerns, as well as any necessary pipe repairs, will likely require immediate or rapid action; and

WHEREAS, immediate efforts to address the conditions herein described are necessary to prevent damage to nearby properties on Poplar Street, a/k/a Route 202; and

WHEREAS, the Connecticut Department of Transportation has identified the drainage and runoff concerns, as well as the necessary pipe repairs, as a local emergency for the Town of New Milford; and

WHEREAS, the drainage and runoff concerns related to the Property, as well as the necessary pipe repairs related to the Property, present a health and safety risk for residents of the Town of New Milford and vehicles passing on Poplar Street, a/k/a Route 202, and therefore it is critically important that the Town of New Milford, through its Mayor, have all reasonably necessary authority to efficiently and effectively address and resolve the drainage concerns, runoff concerns and pipe repairs, attend to the Property; and

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 conditions hereinbefore described.

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 the conditions herein described are fully addressed 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: October 15, 2024

Pete Bass

Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

Attested:

Noreen Prichard

Town Clerk

Town of New Milford