

# TOWN OF NEW MILFORD



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## **DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF NEW MILFORD, CONNECTICUT**

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131a and 28-9 in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states within the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency pursuant to Section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act") to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in the State of Connecticut and throughout the United States, resulting in the prospect of shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public health, public safety, and civil preparedness; and

**WHEREAS**, it is critically important for the Town of New Milford and its Mayor to have all authorities necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19 and to protect public health and safety within the Town of New Milford, including those available under the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact set forth in Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-22a (the "Compact"); and

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), 28-22 and 28-22a and New Milford Charter Sections 808(d), 501 and 502 that a state of emergency and a local civil preparedness emergency now exist in the Town of New Milford; and

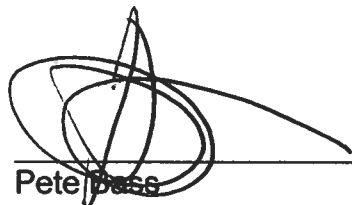
**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that, during the existence of said state of emergency and local civil preparedness emergency, Mayor Pete Bass, as the Town of New Milford's chief executive officer and chief administrative officer, shall assume and exercise the powers, functions, and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), 28-22, and 28-22a, New Milford Charter Sections 808(d), 501 and 502, the Compact, 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, Compact, Charter, and Ordinance provisions, subject to the Governor's preemption, including but not limited to

mobilizing, organizing, and directing the forces of the Town of New Milford and cooperating with the forces of the federal government, the State, and other political subdivisions; and

**IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED** that this state of emergency shall remain in effect for a ninety-day period until June 14, 2020 unless terminated sooner or extended 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](http://www.newmilford.org).

Dated: 3/17/2020

  
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Pete Bass  
Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

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