

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

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020, the Town of New Milford (Town) was struck by Tropical Storm Isaias, which caused trees and tree limbs to be broken and uprooted and to fall across and block roads and downed power lines and poles resulting in the loss of electrical power and causing damaged to and structures; and

WHEREAS, the loss of electrical power and the obstruction of highways directly interferes with the ability of the Town and power crews to attend to clearing and restoration work and inhibits the efficient and safe access by emergency first responders to certain areas within Town,

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaias has thus created a serious disaster within Town; and

WHEREAS, it is critically important for the Town and its Mayor to have all reasonably necessary authority to efficiently and effectively allow Town forces and contractors to attend to debris removal, power restoration and road clearing to mitigate the damage and loss and to protect the health and safety of New Milford residents,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-1(8), and New Milford Charter Sections 808(d), 501 and 502, that the Town is in a state of disaster emergency as a result of the damage caused by Tropical Storm Isaias; and

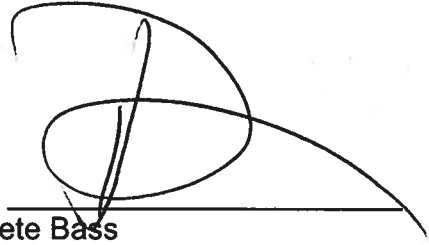
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that, during the existence of said state of emergency and local civil preparedness emergency I, Pete Bass, as the Town of New Milford's chief executive officer and chief administrative officer, shall assume and exercise the powers, functions, and duties prescribed and provided by law, including but not limited to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 28-8a(a), 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 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: August 4, 2020



Pete Bass
Mayor of the Town of New Milford, CT

Attested:



Noreen Prichard
Town Clerk
Town of New Milford



NOREEN H. PRICHARD
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Connecticut
My Commission Expires
April 09, 2024

