



**VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**  
**PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE VILLAGE OF SUFFERN**  
**(COVID-19 PANDEMIC)**  
**DATED MARCH 23, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, on March 7, 2020, the Governor of the State of New York issued Executive Order No. 202 and declared a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, said Executive Order has been continued and amended by Orders identified as Order No. 202.1, 202.2, 202.3, 202.4, 202.5, 202.6, 202.7 and 202.8; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2020, the County Executive of Rockland County issued a Local State of Emergency for the County of Rockland with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, I hereby find that as a result of both reported travel related cases and community contact transmission of the COVID-19 virus, which is accelerating, and now, everyone is at risk for contracting this viral infection. These exposure dates are based on the onset of symptoms (per guidance from the NYSDOH and CDC) but there are now reports that show that people can spread the infection to others before they are symptomatic. This situation threatens the public safety, public health, and the general welfare of all residents of the Village of Suffern, which has already experienced one reported death related to the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to protect the health and safety of the public, emergency action is necessary to help abate the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including the opportunity for instances in which individuals come into close contact with one another.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Edward Markunas, Mayor of the Village of Suffern, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New York, and as chief executive of the Village of Suffern, hereby Proclaim pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, a Local State of Emergency in the Village of Suffern.

In accordance with this Proclamation, I will promulgate local emergency orders to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control as the circumstances warrant, all as in accordance with NY State law. This Proclamation is not intended to supersede any Executive Orders issued by the Governor of the State of New York or the Rockland County Executive.

The State of Emergency shall remain in effect for thirty days, through April 21st, and may be extended at any time.

**Dated March 23, 2020**

**Edward Markunas, Mayor, Village of Suffern New York**

**Sent Via EMAIL and US Mail**