

**ESSEX COUNTY, NEW YORK**  
**PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**  
**AND**  
**LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER**  
**JANUARY 25, 2026**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that pursuant to New York Executive Law Article 2-B and Section 24 thereof, and by reason of a disaster, catastrophe or similar public emergency within the territorial limits of the **COUNTY OF ESSEX** which imperils public safety, namely the extreme cold, snow, ice and winds from a winter storm threatening persons and property, a **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY** is proclaimed and declared to exist in the **COUNTY OF ESSEX** as of 12:00 Noon on **January 25, 2026**. The State of Emergency is continued, and the local orders shall continue for a period of five (5) days unless it is either sooner terminated by a declaration that the state of emergency no longer exists or the state of emergency is extended.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that during the period of the state of emergency and in order to protect life and property and to bring the emergency situation under control:

1. All departments and agencies in the County of Essex shall take whatever steps are or may be necessary to protect life, property and public infrastructure, or to provide emergency assistance.
2. The County of Essex Chairman of the Essex County Board of Supervisors, County Manager, Superintendent of Public Works, and all Department Heads are authorized and directed to enter into emergency contracts for necessary services required to ameliorate and remedy the emergency conditions with the County of Essex.
3. All pedestrian and vehicular traffic, should be undertaken with care on all effected public roadways within the County of Essex and the public shall observe all road closings which may be in effect.
4. All Essex County employees and departments are requested to monitor the current conditions and be prepared to mitigate any effects from the storm and to offer and provide any affected residents or persons necessary assistance, including shelter, food and other necessities.

This proclamation and order signed this **25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026**.

/s/

Stephen R. McNally, Chairman  
County of Essex