

No. 206

<u>EXECUTIVÉ ORDER</u>

DECLARING A DISASTER IN THE COUNTIES OF BRONX, DUTCHESS, KINGS, NASSAU, NEW YORK, ORANGE, PUTNAM, QUEENS, RICHMOND, ROCKLAND, SUFFOLK, WESTCHESTER AND CONTIGUOUS COUNTIES

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2020 and continuing thereafter, Tropical Storm Isaias created hazardous conditions in New York State, which has posed an imminent danger to public transportation, utility service, public health, and public safety systems within the counties of Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester, and contiguous counties.

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Isaias produced damaging winds, with gusts in excess of 70 miles per hour, heavy rainfall, and flooding. These conditions caused over 1,276,500 power outages, downed trees, localized flash flooding, road closures, travel disruptions, and damage to public and private property throughout the impacted areas, which continue to pose a threat to public health and safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW M. CUOMO, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of New York and Section 28 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, do hereby find that an imminent disaster exists, particularly where affected local governments are unable to respond adequately. Therefore, I hereby declare a State Disaster Emergency, effective August 5, 2020, within the territorial boundaries of the counties of Bronx, Dutchess, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Putnam, Queens, Richmond, Rockland, Suffolk, Westchester, and contiguous counties. This Executive Order shall be in effect until September 4, 2020; and

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 29 of Article 2-B of the Executive Law, I direct the implementation of the State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and authorize the State Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Transportation, the Division of State Police, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Public Service Commission, the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Office of General Services, the Thruway Authority, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, and any other State agencies and State authorities, as necessary to take appropriate action to assist local governments and individuals in containing, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from this public health emergency, to protect state and local property, and to provide such other assistance as is necessary to protect public health, welfare, and safety.



BY THE GOVERNOR

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GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State

in the City of Albany this fifth day of August in the year two thousand twenty.

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Secretary to the Governor