

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Executive Order No. 119: Declaring a Disaster in the Counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence, and Contiguous Areas.

/s/ Lawrence Schwartz
Secretary to the Governor

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2013 and continuing thereafter, a severe winter ice storm is forecast to impact New York State, which poses an imminent danger to vital public transportation, utility service, public health, and public safety systems within the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence and contiguous areas; and

WHEREAS, this ice storm may cause widespread power outages, damage to homes, apartments and businesses, public and private property, and continue to pose a threat to the 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 and the Laws of the State of New York, do hereby find that a disaster has occurred for which the affected local governments are unable to respond adequately. Therefore, pursuant to 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, I hereby declare a State Disaster Emergency effective December 21, 2013 within the territorial boundaries of the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, St. Lawrence and contiguous areas; 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, effective December 21, 2013, the State Office of Emergency Management, the Department of Health, the Department of Transportation, the State Police, the Division of Military and Naval Affairs, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, the Public Service Commission, the Office of Fire Prevention and Control, the Department of Labor, the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, the Office of General Services, the State University of New York, the Thruway Authority, the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, other State agencies, and the American Red Cross, as necessary, to take appropriate action to protect State property and to assist affected local governments and individuals in responding to and recovering from this disaster, and to provide such other assistance as necessary to protect the public health and safety.

IN ADDITION, this declaration satisfies the requirements of 49 C.F.R. § 390.23(a)(1)(A), which provides relief from Parts 390 through 399 of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). Such relief from the FMCSR is necessary in order to ensure that snow removal crews can clear vital roadways, and hasten the movement of utility power restoration crews into New York State.

FURTHER, I have designated Jerome M. Hauer, Commissioner of the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services, as the State Coordinating Officer for this event.

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GIVEN under my hand and the Privy Seal of the State in the City of Albany, this twenty-first day of December in the year two thousand thirteen.

BY THE GOVERNOR

/S/ Andrew M. Cuomo

