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## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020

A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the County of St. Lawrence, State of New York, effective at 12:00 a.m. Monday, November 9, 2020 and will remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until 11:59 p.m. Tuesday, December 8, 2020. This declaration will be reviewed prior to its expiration to determine if an extension should be considered.

A Declaration of a State of Emergency has been declared to address the concerns associated with the impacts of COVID-19 in St. Lawrence County. This declaration is at the recommendation of Public Health to maintain consistency with the collective efforts of 'social-distancing' to slow the spread of COVID-19. As of Friday, November 6, 2020 there are 462 confirmed cases and the potential for the virus to reach community spread is increasing. County Officials continue to stress that these measures are necessary to decrease the spread of COVID-19.

Local Emergency orders may be promulgated by the Chair of the Board of Legislators in accordance with Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law during this State of Emergency. Emergency orders may be issued in order to protect life, property, and to allow emergency and municipal personnel time to bring the conditions under control.

On March 7, 2020 New York State Governor Andrew Cuomo declared a Disaster Emergency in the State of New York. On March 18, 2020 issued Executive Order 202.5 that identifies, "notwithstanding section 24 of the Executive Law, no locality or political subdivision shall issue any local emergency order or executive order with respect to response of COVID-19 without the approval of the State Department of Health." St. Lawrence County has received approval for the issuance of this State of Emergency from the New York State Department of Health.

Joseph Lightfoot

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CC: New York State Department of Health
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