

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## COUNTY OF WARREN STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION

Pursuant to Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, a local State of Emergency is hereby proclaimed within the territorial limits of the County of Warren, effective May 23, 2023.

WHEREAS, the United States has experienced a dramatic increase in persons who entered and remained in the United States unlawfully from or through Mexico and Canada, including a significant increase in the number of persons who after an unlawful entry into the United States filed an application for asylum (hereafter collectively, “Migrants”); and

WHEREAS, in an effort to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued an order, effective August 2, 2021, prohibiting the introduction into congregate settings of noncitizens arriving from or through Mexico and Canada (hereafter, “Title 42 Order”); and

WHEREAS, before and after the expiration of the Title 42 Order, a surge of Migrants into the United States resulted in a surge of tens of thousands of Migrants to the City of New York with an expectation of several thousand additional Migrants arriving to the City of New York each week who are seeking public assistance and care from the City of New York who are unable to care for themselves and require immediate resources to include: food, shelter, clothing, and medical assistance; and

WHEREAS, within the last year, tens of thousands of Migrants have been bussed from the State of Texas to the City of New York, straining the City of New York’s to provide for the homelessness, emergency services, social services, and public health services, required for Migrants who were present and residing in the City of New York, resulting in reported costs to the City of New York in excess of \$4 billion dollars, to date; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York is declared a “sanctuary city” which welcomes Migrants and was prepared to provide emergency services, social services, and public health services to Migrants and receives funding and/or reimbursement from the State of New York for the services required by Migrants within the City; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has a total population of approximately 65,599, per the most recent 2020 United States Census and the County of Warren’s social services, public health services, and emergency services were already strained to meet the public assistance needs of persons present in Warren County, and the County of Warren has not declared itself a “sanctuary” municipality for Migrants; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren does not possess the personnel, resources, or funding to provide the public services the City of New York has been providing to Migrants, with the financial support of the State of New York, should the City of New York unilaterally decide to relocate Migrants from the City of New York to Warren County, in violation of their statutory obligation to provide public assistance and care for such Migrants, by creating an unregulated and temporary City of New York homeless shelters in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has not received any communications from the City of New York or State of New York concerning any relocation of Migrants to Warren County and has failed to make any effort to coordinate, plan or manage with officers and employees of the County of Warren any relocation of Migrants to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren possesses no information or reasonable basis to believe the City of New York or the State of New York shall provide funding required for the future public assistance and care for Migrants relocated to Warren County, to include reimbursement for the multitude of services and support required by Migrants upon their arrival to Warren County; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren has not received and does not anticipate receiving any information from the City of New York for relocated Migrants, to include: their identity; immunization status, medical and health information, criminal background, legal status to be present in the United States, and the legal right of such Migrants to begin work upon arrival; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York seeks to implement Social Services Law § 62 to shift permanently all financial responsibility for Migrants relocated from the City of New York to the County of Warren upon any Migrant leaving the unregulated and temporary shelter the City of New York seeks to create inside the territorial jurisdiction of Warren County; and


WHEREAS, on May 9, 2023, the Governor of the State of New York declared a disaster emergency within the State of New York, finding and declaring that upon the expiration of the Title 42 Order, a humanitarian disaster is imminent; and

WHEREAS, the County of Warren anticipates that the relocation of Migrants by City and State officers and employees from the City of New York to Warren County, without the prior knowledge and consent of the County, and without any effort to coordinate, plan, manage and fund such a relocation will cause a similar humanitarian disaster within Warren County; and

WHEREAS, should any government, state, or municipality relocate Migrants to Warren County, the arrival of these Migrants will create a social services crisis, a health services crisis, and an emergency services crisis, resulting in an immediate ballooning of homelessness within Warren County that threatens the health and public safety of Warren County residents and any relocated Migrants; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, the Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors is empowered to proclaim and declare a local state of emergency upon a reasonable apprehension of a public emergency or an emergency affecting the life, health, and safety of inhabitants of Warren County;

NOW THEREFORE, I PROCLAIM AND DECLARE a local state of emergency within the County of Warren, effective beginning May 23, 2023 and continuing until at least June 22, 2023, unless rescinded or extended by further declaration.

  
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KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, *Chairman*  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

Dated: May 23, 2023

CC: Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors  
Warren County Clerk  
Office of the Secretary of State  
New York State Office of Emergency Management

# Warren County Board of Supervisors

## COUNTY OF WARREN LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDER 1 OF 2023

WHEREAS, by proclamation dated May 23, 2023 the Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency within the County following the expiration of Title 42, an order of the United States Centers for Disease Control and prevention that prohibited the introduction of noncitizens (hereafter, “Migrants”) arriving from or through Mexico and Canada (hereafter, the “Title 42 Order”); and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated and expected that the City of New York shall unilaterally relocate Migrants by bus and other forms of transportation from the City of New York to Warren County for an uncommunicated and unknown period of time without any prior communication, coordination, planning and management with the County of Warren, thereby causing an immediate shock, strain and crisis upon the County’s social services programs and resources, public health services and programs, and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the relocation of Migrants by the City of New York or their officers, employees, agents and contractors, by bus or other means of transportation, will drastically increase homelessness, threaten the health and public safety of Warren County residents and negatively impact the safety and health of relocated Migrants;

NOW THEREFORE, by the power vested in me by section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, it is hereby

ORDERED, that no person, business, or entity doing business within the County of Warren shall agree or contract with any government, municipality, or person, other than the County of Warren, to transport to Warren County any Migrant without prior approval from the Warren County Board of Supervisors by resolution; and it is further

ORDERED, that no owner or operator of any hotel, motel, short-term rental, campground, 1-to-4 unit residence, or multiple unit dwelling located in Warren County (hereafter, “overnight accommodate”) shall agree or contract to sell, lease, rent or otherwise provide for value or monetary compensation any room or habitable space inside an overnight accommodation to any Federal State, City of New York or other municipal officer, employee, agent, representative, or contractor, for the purpose of housing a Migrant overnight without prior approval from the Warren County Board of Supervisors by resolution; and it is further

ORDERED, that any individual, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, or any other form of business entity authorized to conduct business in the State of New York, which violates the

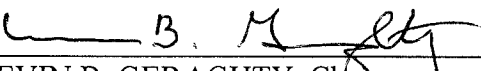
provisions of this Order shall be guilty of a B misdemeanor and shall be held civilly liable for a fine up to TWO THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) per violation, with each overnight stay in a room constituting a separate violation; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Warren County Sheriff, or his designee, is hereby authorized to issue appearance tickets for any violation of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Warren County Attorney, or his designee, is authorized to commence civil actions or proceedings in the name of the County of Warren in a court of competent jurisdiction to cease and desist any violation of this Order, or to enforce any provision of this Order.

This Order shall be effective immediately and remain in effect for five (5) days unless sooner modified or rescinded, and may be extended for additional periods to not exceed five (5) days.

Dated: May 23, 2023  
Lake George, New York

  
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KEVIN B. GERAGHTY, Chairman  
Warren County Board of Supervisors

cc: Clerk of the Warren County Board of Supervisors  
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