



# TOWN OF OLD SAYBROOK

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March 16, 2020

After consultation with State and Local leaders and reflecting on decisions being made by the Federal and State Governments, I have decided to issue a Local State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Old Saybrook.

This administrative action is afforded to the Chief Elected Official in each community and is a responsibility that I take seriously. The declaration is not a statement that our community is in peril; rather it is an administrative function supported by our Town Charter that permits local government to take specific actions to prepare, respond and recover from a potential issue, in this case the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. Most importantly the declaration affirms Government's most important responsibility, to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens.

As part of the Declaration made this morning, I have appointed our Town's Emergency Management Director, Police Chief Michael A. Spera, to serve as Old Saybrook's Incident Commander for all activities related to the Town's preparedness, response, and recovery activities concerning COVID-19. He will be coordinating with Public Health, Public Safety, Education, Social Services, Youth and Family Services and Emergency Management officials at the Federal, State and local levels. Chief Spera and I have been and will be in communication with each other multiple times a day for the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

The Chief has been appointed to this position several times during my tenure as First Selectman and I have full confidence in his and the Town's Public Safety Leadership Team's ability to prepare for and manage, if necessary, the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.

Thank you.

Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman



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WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020 I, Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman of the Town of Old Saybrook am aware that the COVID-19 Coronavirus has brought a Public Health Emergency to the State of Connecticut and has impacted the Town of Old Saybrook and may create conditions that could possibly permit community virus spread, virial illness, and/or the loss of life.

WHEREAS, local resources and normal staffing may be unable to cope with the effects of this Public Health Emergency without assistance from additional local staff, state, regional, federal and/or private resources, and

WHEREAS as the First Selectman of the Town of Old Saybrook I find that the COVID-19 Coronavirus may create conditions and/or situations that necessitate emergency protective measures and the activation of Old Saybrook's Emergency Operations Plan, and

WHEREAS in accordance with the Town of Old Saybrook Emergency Operations Plan, and the authority provided to me by the Statutes of the State of Connecticut and the Charter and Ordinances of the Town of Old Saybrook, I hereby declare and proclaim a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** for the Town of Old Saybrook.

NOW, THEREFORE, It is hereby proclaimed and ordered that the Emergency Operations Plan of the Town of Old Saybrook is now activated, and all personnel are ordered to perform in accordance therewith. It is further ordered that the Town of Old Saybrook, Emergency Operations Center is to be activated in accordance with operational plans set forth by authorized individuals, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Chief Michael A. Spera, Director of Emergency Management for the Town of Old Saybrook is the designated and authorized Incident Commander and Official Representative of the Town of Old Saybrook for the purpose of coordination of efforts concerning the Town's Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Operations in relation to COVID-19 Coronavirus and shall receive, process and coordinate all inquires and requirements necessary to obtain State and Federal assistance and that a copy of this action be forwarded to the Clerk of the Town of Old Saybrook, the State of Connecticut Emergency Operations Center, and the Office of the Governor of the State of Connecticut.

Carl P. Fortuna, Jr., First Selectman

March 16, 2020

Date

10:20 a.m.

Time