

VILLAGE OF SOUTH BLOOMING GROVE, NEW YORK

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

May 5, 2025

WHEREAS, the Village of South Blooming Grove (the "Village") has experienced an increased number of traffic safety incidents and motor vehicle accidents along Route 208, within the corporate boundaries of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees determined by Resolution No. 034 of 2025, dated May 5, 2025, that these circumstances constitute an emergency situation which threatens the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village and requires immediate action; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees further determined by Resolution No. 034 of 2025, dated May 5, 2025, that immediate action is required to address the ongoing emergency and mitigate the adverse effects on the residents, businesses, and critical infrastructure of the Village; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned Mayor, as chief executive of the Village and upon the entire record before the Village Board of Trustees, declares a local state of emergency effective immediately, within the territorial limits of the Village for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, unless otherwise extended by an additional declaration,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of State of Emergency.

A state of emergency exists in the Village of South Blooming Grove, New York, due to the ongoing and continuous threat to health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village imposed by the dangerous and hazardous traffic safety conditions along Route 208 within the Village's corporate boundaries.

Section 2. Duration of the Declaration.

This Declaration of a state of emergency shall remain in effect for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of adoption of this Declaration, unless sooner terminated or extended by further declaration pursuant to Executive Law § 24(1).

Section 3. Authorities Granted.

During this period of declared state of emergency, the Village Mayor or his designee(s) shall be authorized to:

- A. Issue local emergency orders pursuant to Executive Law § 24.
- B. Implement Village emergency operations plans and coordinate emergency response effectors with local, county, and state agencies.
- C. Redirect Village personnel and resources necessary to address the emergency situation, including the authority to reassign Village employees and contractors to

emergency response duties.

- D. Enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the emergency, protect the health and safety of persons and property, and provide emergency assistance to the Village's residents, without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and appropriation and expenditure of public funds.
- E. Impose temporary restrictions, including but not limited to curfews, business closures, limitations on public gatherings, and travel restrictions, as deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.
- F. Apply for state and federal emergency assistance and disaster relief funds, including but not limited to assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA").
- G. Suspend or modify any Village ordinance, resolution, or regulation that would prevent, hinder, or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency.
- H. Take any other lawful actions required to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of the Village's residents.

Section 4. Periodic Review and Update.

The undersigned Mayor shall review this Declaration at least every thirty (30) days during the effective period of this Declaration. Any recommended updates or modifications to ensure compliance with evolving regulations, guidelines, or best practices shall be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration and potential action.

Section 5. Public Communication and Outreach.

- A. The undersigned Mayor or his designee(s), in coordination with the Village Clerk, shall develop and implement a comprehensive public communication plan to inform residents, businesses, and other stakeholders about the state of emergency declaration and associated measures.
- B. Communication efforts shall include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Regular updates on the Village's official website and social media platforms;
 - ii. Use of the Village's emergency notification system to disseminate critical information, if necessary; and
 - iii. Coordination with local media outlets to ensure accurate and timely reporting.

Section 6. Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Declaration is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Declaration.

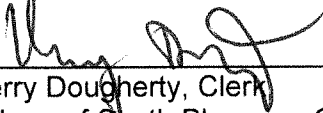
Section 7. Effective Date.

This Declaration shall take effect immediately upon the date hereinbefore provided.



George Kalaj, Mayor
Village of South Blooming Grove, NY
Dated: May 5, 2025

Attest:



Kerry Dougherty, Clerk
Village of South Blooming Grove, New York
Dated: May 5, 2025