



## **Office of the County Administrator**

**Rick House, County Administrator**

**March 15, 2020**

**For Immediate Release**

**Wayne County Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Kenneth Miller, has declared a State of Emergency for Wayne County, NY in response to COVID-19, effective at 3 p.m. on March 15, 2020. This situation threatens the public safety.**

**This State of Emergency has been declared due to Coronavirus-19 (COVID-19), which the World Health Organization has designated as a world-wide pandemic. COVID-19 is an infection associated with fever and signs and symptoms of pneumonia or other respiratory illness, appears to be transmitted from person to person predominantly through droplet transmission, and if spread in the population could have significant public health consequences. Travel related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented throughout New York State and on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew Cuomo, pursuant to Executive order 202 declared a disaster emergency in the State of New York.**

**Although there are no confirmed cases within Wayne County to date, this situation is rapidly evolving, and the threat of this virus is imminent to the citizens and visitors of Wayne County. It is necessary that Wayne County be proactive and fully prepared to deal with its effects.**

**This State of Emergency will remain in effect for thirty (30) days or until rescinded by a subsequent order.**

**This State of Emergency does not in any way impact travel and County operations will continue unchanged unless otherwise advised.**

**As the Chief Executive of Wayne County, NY, I, Kenneth F. Miller, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this Municipality.**

**Chairman Miller has directed all departments and agencies of Wayne County, NY to take appropriate steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.**