

SENECA COUNTY
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EMERGENCY ORDER

**EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY
WITHIN SENECA COUNTY, NEW YORK**

I, Michael Enslow, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for Seneca County, New York, pursuant to Article 2-B Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, hereby certifies as follows:

WHEREAS, there exists an immediate and urgent need for housing of all types within Seneca County and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive Housing Needs Assessment report was conducted, the result of nearly 2 years of study and investigation; and

WHEREAS, said study, completed in June 2023 under the guidance of the County Department of Planning & Community Development, through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of the New York State Office of Community Renewal by High Road Community Planning and Analytics, makes key findings in the stock of housing options for economic levels, the costs of housing, and ultimately the lack of available housing for almost every sector of the county's population; and

WHEREAS, Seneca County has reached critically low levels of permanent residential housing; and

WHEREAS, reports from the Commissioner of Human Services show that lack of in-county emergency or temporary shelter/housing options for the existing homeless population, even with the use of motels and other transient housing options, with referrals having to be made to out-of-county service providers; and

WHEREAS, the findings of the assessment and the DHS report quantifiably demonstrate a deficiency of both permanent and temporary housing availability for low-, middle-, and high-income earning individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, the necessity for adequate housing levels is a fundamentally critical cornerstone to economic development, community growth, and economic stability; and

WHEREAS, in the last ten years, market conditions and demographic shifts as a result of the COVID-19 Epidemic have resulted in a stagnation of housing developments across the county; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Michael Enslow, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Seneca County, pursuant to Section 24 of the Article 2-B of the Executive Law of the State of New York, find that that the public safety is imperiled thereby as set forth above, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Seneca County; and I further


Order that all available county resources be directed and utilized to address this immediate and pressing need for housing development, and that until such a time as adequate levels of housing be established to meet the current demand within the county, the facilitation of residential housing development shall remain a priority for Seneca County; and I further state

That I will issue any necessary Emergency Orders when, and as may be necessary and proper.

This State of Emergency shall continue for thirty (30) days unless rescinded or amended by subsequent declaration or order.

This order shall take effect **IMMEDIATELY**.

Dated: 8-29-2023


Michael Enslow
Chairman, Seneca County
Board of Supervisors