

Warren County Board of Supervisors

STATE OF EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION **FOR COUNTY OF WARREN**

Dated: December 10, 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Article 2-B and Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, hereby declares a continuing State of Emergency within the limits of the County of Warren, effective December 10, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a federal program designed to combat food insecurity by providing benefits to eligible families and children to purchase food; and

WHEREAS, the distribution of federal SNAP benefits was delayed during a federal government shutdown since November 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2025, the Governor of the State of New York declared a Statewide Disaster Emergency based upon food insecurity caused by the delay in funding SNAP benefits for nearly three million New Yorkers, some of which reside in Warren County; and

WHEREAS, food banks and pantries located in Warren County report a significant increase in demand since October 30, 2025, and anticipate that a continuing strain upon their resources will continue due to the delayed disbursement in SNAP benefits to eligible families and children and the increase in demand upon their resources; and

WHEREAS, food insecurity within Warren County following the delay in SNAP benefits continues to pose an imminent, impending and urgent threat to the health, safety and well-being of Warren County residents and children who rely upon this governmental assistance program to access adequate food and nutrition; and

WHEREAS, immediate action continues to be required to ensure access to essential nutrition until SNAP benefits are received by eligible Warren County residents.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kevin B. Geraghty, Chairman of the Warren County Board of Supervisors, hereby proclaims and declares a **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**, effective December 10, 2025 and continuing until at least January 9, 2026, that this state of emergency shall continue for a period of thirty (30) days unless it is either terminated by a declaration that the state of emergency no longer exists or the state of emergency is extended, whichever occurs sooner.

LOCAL EMERGENCY ORDERS

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that during the period of the state of emergency and in order to protect vulnerable populations of Warren County residents that rely upon federal governmental assistance, to include SNAP benefits, to avoid food insecurity:

1. All departments and agencies in the County of Warren shall take whatever steps are or may be necessary to ensure that vulnerable populations subject to food insecurity in Warren County are able to receive available assistance to obtain food support until SNAP benefits are disbursed to eligible local populations.
2. The County of Warren, Purchasing Agent, Commissioner of Social Services and County Administrator are hereby authorized and directed to enter into emergency contracts for all essential and necessary services required to improve and remedy the emergency conditions now present within the County of Warren.
3. All County resources, equipment, manpower and personnel shall be coordinated and shared to help remedy the food insecurity conditions and to mitigate any effects of this emergency.
4. Adherence to the County of Warren Purchasing Policy and/or provisions of the General Municipal Law as they relate to purchasing and procurement is hereby suspended to the extent necessary to award emergency contracts for the purchase and distribution of staple food items sufficient to support impacted residents, including but not limited to, emergency contracts for leases for relocation and support of County operations; emergency contracts for professional services; emergency contracts for commodities, services and technology; emergency contracts for purchases of commodities, services and technology through any federal programs or other state, regional, local, multi-jurisdictional, or cooperative contracts; required to improve and remedy this emergency situation and that competitive bidding or proposals shall not be required and emergency purchases are authorized in the discretion of the County Administrator or County Purchasing Agent.
5. These emergency orders shall continue for a period of five (5) days unless continued, terminated or rescinded.

This proclamation and order signed this 10th day of December, 2025.



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

Dated: December 10, 2025

CC: Clerk of the Board

Warren County Clerk

Office of the Secretary of State

New York State Office of Emergency Management