

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
PURSUANT TO §24 OF THE EXECUTIVE LAW
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, as the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Fishkill, is empowered to proclaim a local State of Emergency within the unincorporated area of the Town of Fishkill pursuant to the provisions of Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law for a period of up to thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has recently undertaken to bus hundreds or thousands of migrants into the Hudson Valley and to use local hotels as homeless shelters for housing them; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York's use of local hotels as homeless shelters is of indeterminate length, and may last for months or longer; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York's actions are illegal as, inter alia, being in violation of local zoning codes, as is evidenced by the recent court orders obtained by the Counties of Rockland and Orange prohibiting the City's housing of migrants in local hotels; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York does not have a plan for supervising, processing, and relocating the migrants that it is transporting to Hudson Valley hotels; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has not offered to provide, nor has it provided, funds or assistance to Hudson Valley communities to defray the additional municipal and central services costs those communities will incur due to the use of local hotels as homeless shelters, such as fire protection, police protection, EMS services, hospital facilities, etc.; and

WHEREAS, while the Town of Fishkill is sympathetic to the plight of the migrants that the City of New York is attempting to displace from the City's municipal boundaries, the Town lacks the facilities and funds to provide adequate shelter, assistance, central services, and basic

necessities to the dependent migrants that New York City proposes to relocate into the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, unilateral, unplanned, unsupervised, unfunded bussing of migrants into the Town of Fishkill would create a humanitarian, civil, central services, housing and fiscal crises in the Town; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, it is necessary for the Town to take immediate actions to prevent the City of New York from carrying out its proposal to unilaterally bus and house migrants in the Hudson Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers vested in me as Supervisor of the Town of Fishkill and pursuant to Section 24 of the Executive Law of the State of New York, I do hereby proclaim that the State of Emergency in the Town which shall commence immediately on May 19, 2023 and shall continue until midnight June 18, 2023, unless a proclamation lifting the State of Emergency is issued at an earlier date.

May 19, 2023

TOWN OF FISHKILL



By: _____
Ozzy Albra, Supervisor