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DESIGNATION OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE

WHEREAS, 2019-Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) 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; and

WHEREAS, 2019-nCoV is believed to have emerged as a human pathogen in China in December, 2019 and as of January 30, 2020, seven thousand seven hundred and ninety-four (7,794) confirmed cases of 2019-nCoV and twelve thousand one hundred and sixty seven suspected and/or probable cases of 2019-nCoV were reported to the World Health Organization from 18 countries, including Canada and the United States, with one hundred and seventy (170) deaths reported; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020 the World Health Organization designated the 2019-nCoV outbreak as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, advising that further cases may appear in any country.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by 10 NYCRR Section 2.1(a), I have determined that 2019-Novel Coronavirus as it may be officially defined from time to time by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is communicable, rapidly emergent and a significant threat to the public health, and hereby designate 2019-Novel Coronavirus as a communicable disease under 10 NYCRR Section 2.1. This designation shall be in effect immediately and shall remain in effect until formal review on February 6, 2020 at the next scheduled meeting of the Public Health and Health Planning Council.

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