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EMERGENCY DECLARATION

Emergency Action Relating to the Statewide Shortage of Road Salt

Like many other local municipalities, the City of Troy procures road salt through a New York State Office of General Services contract. But due to chronic mining and manufacturing delays as well as an increased frequency of winter weather events across the state, the supplier, American Rock Salt, has not been able to keep up with the demands of the municipalities under the state contract. As a result, there is now a statewide shortage of rock salt in New York. Deliveries of salt to the City of Troy have been cancelled and – despite careful management - the City's reserve supplies have dwindled to perilously low quantities and may soon be exhausted.

There is rock salt available from other suppliers, but with two storms in the forecast, there is not enough time to follow normal procurement. The City must ensure that its roads and ways are reasonably safe for the travelling public. Therefore, as Mayor of Troy, I am taking the following action to protect the public health and safety:

Pursuant to § C-40 of the City Charter, I hereby declare a public emergency to mobilize all available City resources as shall be required to protect lives and property and otherwise to redress the statewide shortage of rock salt available to treat public roads and ways for the hazards of ice and snow. This mobilization shall include but not be limited to immediate procurement of materials, commodities, and services as may be necessary to remediate the situation, especially services of firms or individuals having access to critical supplies of road salt.

The City administration reserves the right to take additional appropriate actions necessary to address the public safety issues that may arise from these circumstances.

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