



CITY OF ALBANY
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ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207

KATHY M. SHEEHAN
MAYOR

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY

WHEREAS, gun violence poses a serious threat to the health, safety, and quality of life of every resident and visitor of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, in the last 28 days, confirmed shots fired have increased by 22% compared to the same period last year; and

WHEREAS, densely populated communities such as Albany in New York State are disproportionately affected by the direct and indirect consequences of gun violence; and

WHEREAS, densely populated communities including Albany typically experience a spike in gun violence in the summer months; and

WHEREAS, this rise in gun crime threatens and imperils the health and safety of the people of the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has an obligation to act in a manner consistent with the science and data on gun violence in order to prevent imminent and immediate harm to communities across the state; and

WHEREAS, this violence threatens or imperils the public safety of the residents of Albany. As Chief Executive of the City of Albany, I have the authority granted to me by the New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the people of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KATHY SHEEHAN, Mayor of the City of Albany, New York, pursuant to my authority under the laws of the State of New York, particularly New York Executive Law §24, and the City Code of the City of Albany, hereby declare a State of Emergency for the City of Albany, New York dated July 23, 2021. The State of Emergency shall remain in effect for thirty days or until rescinded by a subsequent order.

FURTHER, I hereby direct all Departments and Agencies of the City of Albany to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure and other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

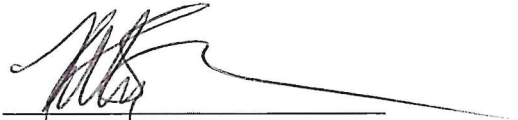
FURTHER, in the event the disaster is beyond the capacity of the City of Albany to meet adequately, and state assistance is necessary to supplement local efforts to save lives and to protect property, public health and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster, I hereby call on the Governor of the State of New York to continue to provide additional assistance as deemed necessary.

FURTHER, I direct the Albany Police Department, the Violence Prevention Task Force, the Albany Community Development Agency, and all relevant agencies to take appropriate action to provide such other assistance as necessary to protect the public health, welfare, and safety.


FURTHER, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 24-1(g) of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, during a declared emergency, if compliance with such would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby suspend Article VIII, Section 255-46 of the City Code effective July 23 through July 28, 2021, thereby eliminating the requirement for notice and a public hearing in connection with the closure of a business declared a public nuisance.

Signed this 23rd day of July, 2021, at 4:30pm in Albany, New York.

Signed:


Kathy M. Sheehan
Mayor, City of Albany

Sworn to before me this 23rd
day of July, 2021.


David Galin

DAVID GALIN
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Qualified in Albany County
My Commission Expires: 8/17/2023