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## State of Water Emergency Declared in the Village of Highland Falls

A State of Water Emergency is hereby declared in the Village of Highland Falls effective immediately on Tuesday, October 20, 2020 for 30 days. The State of Water Emergency has been declared due to the extreme drought conditions of the Village water sources, Jim's Pond, Upper and Lower Bog Meadow Reservoirs and Glyceren Hollow stream.

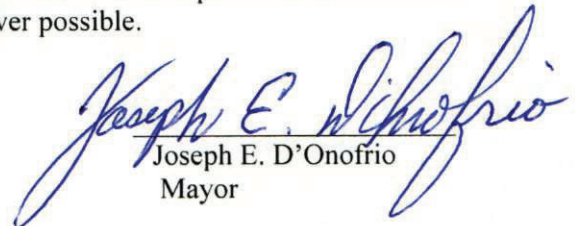
As the Mayor of the Village of Highland Falls, I, Joseph E. D'Onofrio, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law to preserve public health and safety, ensure adequate water for Village residents, and those outside the Village, who depend upon Village water sources by following the Water Supply Emergency Response Plan for the Village of Highland Falls. The Emergency Response Plan was last updated in July 2020 and includes guidelines contained in the Drought Response Plan as adopted by the Village of Highland Falls on June 1, 1989.

The Village has followed the below guidelines to date:

1. Drought Alert- Voluntary restrictions on water use was encouraged at the Village Board meeting on September 21, 2020 and published in the News of the Highlands, e.g. no washing of cars, no watering of plants, no washing driveways and similar non-essential water usage.
2. Drought Warning- continued restriction of water use was encouraged at the October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Village Board meetings, through the News of the Highlands, and the Village website.

The Village is currently in a Drought Emergency – Stage II of the EPA Regulation restricting water use. Orange County Department of Health has been notified of the situation and stands ready to assist if needed. Residents are encouraged to install water flow restricting devices on shower heads, faucets and other water devices and otherwise restrict the use of water as much as possible in cooperation to avoid a drought disaster declaration.

Until such time that the Village experiences significant rainfall, the Mayor and Village Board hereby order all residents & businesses of the Village of Highland Falls and all municipal water users in Fort Montgomery to restrict their water usage and conserve whenever possible.

  
Joseph E. D'Onofrio  
Mayor