

STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION

A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Schoharie County effective on October 30, 2025 at 12:01 AM.

This State of Emergency has been declared due to:

The Schoharie County Council of Senior Citizens, Inc. has severed the contractual relationship with the County of Schoharie to provide the personnel to operate the Schoharie County Public Transportation network and on demand transportation for medical appointments effective on October 30, 2025 at 12:01AM. Without any action by the County of Schoharie, this would close the public transportation network, which would have an impact on our vulnerable residents who have no other means of transportation available to them, especially members of the senior community and those in need of transportation for medical appointments.

To ensure continuity of service to the users of the services currently provided, the County of Schoharie will hire the current personnel performing the stated services as temporary employees of Schoharie County for up to six months while assessing all options and for the purpose of obtaining operating authority from New York State for some inter-county transportation.

In some cases, there may be differences in salaries of some incoming temporary personnel and current County personnel. To ensure continuity of these vital services the differences will be in place only until the termination of temporary employment status or March 31, 2026, whichever occurs first.

This situation threatens public health.

This State of Emergency will remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order.

As the Chief Executive of Schoharie County:

I, William A. Federice, exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being, and health of the citizens of this County. I hereby direct all departments and agencies of Schoharie County to take whatever steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

William A. Federice W. A. Federice

Chairman, Schoharie County Board of Supervisors

Date – 29 October 2025