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**Joint Statement to Governor Cuomo from East End Supervisors
and Village Mayors and Leaders of the Shinnecock Nation regarding
Non-Essential Travel from the NY Metropolitan Area to the
East End of Long Island**

Thank you, Governor Cuomo, for your extraordinary leadership at this time of crisis.

Local leaders across New York State are doing everything they can to slow the incidence of new cases of COVID-19. The New York City area is considered a “hot spot” for the virus due to the high incident rate and the number of new cases. The NY City area now has approximately 1/3 of all the confirmed coronavirus cases in the USA.

With “non-essential” employees directed to stay home, our East End communities are seeing a surge in population as seasonal residents are seeking to leave the NY metropolitan area and spend this period of “social distancing” in their summer home communities. As leaders of East End Towns, Villages and Tribal Government, we are growing increasingly concerned with our local ability to manage the added strain to our local healthcare system, food markets and other essential businesses needed to maintain the health and safety of our residents.

At Tuesday’s White House briefing, coronavirus coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx, stated that anyone who recently left New York should voluntarily self-quarantine at home for 14 days to prevent the spread of the virus. We are hopeful that most people will follow this self-quarantine recommendation; yet we remain concerned about our ability to manage a significant and sudden increase in population, and the demand for additional health, public safety and governmental services. Our area anticipates a population surge during the summer months and we typically increase our workforce accordingly. At the local level, we are being asked to enforce the restrictions on business operations, social gatherings and mandatory quarantines. As our population swells, it becomes even more challenging to fulfill these obligations. Additionally, some individuals under mandatory quarantine orders have relocated to our area without notification to local authorities, thereby making it difficult to enforce these quarantines. Any effort to reduce non-essential travel to our area, even on a short term basis, would help allow us to better address current needs and prepare for increased cases of COVID-19.

We ask that you consider placing temporary limitations on non-essential travel from New York City to our area. We recognize that seasonal residents and visitors have the same rights to enjoy our area as our year-round residents. Nonetheless, the communities we represent are growing increasingly concerned by the sudden increase in our population and our lack of resources to address this growing demand. They are looking to local government to enact reasonable public health measures.

Restrictions on non-essential travel could include daily sightseeing visits and leisure travel to vacation homes. As a group, we are not looking to restrict seasonal residents from using their properties for residential purposes, but we hope that they will adhere to the federal recommendation of self-quarantine, and we hope they will understand the limitations of our local healthcare system and infrastructure. Additionally, we are not looking to restrict employees of essential businesses from entering or exiting our community. We are only looking at short-term reasonable limitations on non-essential travel to our area from the New York metropolitan area.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,



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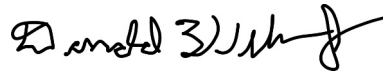
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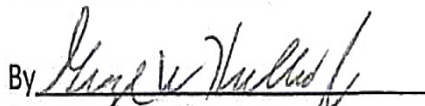


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