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MEDIA ADVISORY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: January 22, 2026

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MEDIA ADVISORY: Proclamation of a Winter Storm Event

Due to the impending winter storm event, Supervisor Halpin, in collaboration with Police Chief Frost and Highway Superintendent Zaleski, have declared a Winter Storm Emergency beginning January 24th at 9:00pm. Please refer to Proclamation No. 2026 WSE-1.

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**PROCLAMATION OF A WINTER STORM EVENT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE IX OF
CHAPTER 289 OF THE RIVERHEAD TOWN CODE & NEW YORK STATE EXECUTIVE
LAW, ARTICLE 2-B, SECTION 24**
No. 2026 WSE-1

I, Jerome Halpin, Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, pursuant to Article IX of Chapter 289 of the Riverhead Town Code and New York State Executive Law, Article 2-B, Section 24 thereof, hereby certifies as follows:

WHEREAS, information and weather forecasts issued by the National Weather Service advise of the possibility for heavy snow; precipitation mixing with sleet and freezing rain for a time Sunday night especially closer to the coast, with potential for snow accumulation of 6 to 12 inches, and localized accumulations over 12 inches possible; and

WHEREAS, as Supervisor and Chief Executive of the Town of Riverhead, upon consultation with Emergency Management Officer, Police Chief Edward Frost, I find that the above described conditions threaten to, imperil the health, safety and general welfare of the residents of and visitors to the Town of Riverhead and that accumulations of snow, ice, freezing rain, and/or sleet on any roadway will render vehicle travel hazardous and necessitate snow removal operations or such other remediation efforts to address impacts of a winter storm.

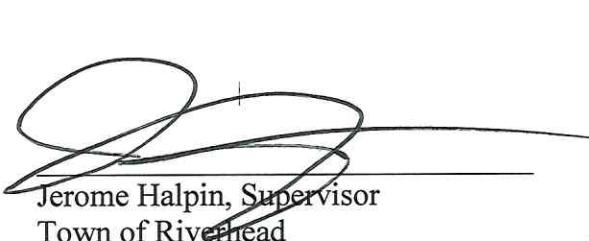
NOW, THEREFORE, as Chief Executive and Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, I, Jerome Halpin, do hereby exercise the authority given to me under New York Executive Law, Article 2-B, Section 24 thereof and Riverhead Town Code Chapter 289, Article IX thereof and hereby declare as follows:

1. That a Winter Storm Event shall be proclaimed and a State of Emergency shall be declared to exist within the Town of Riverhead effective at 2100 hours (9:00 p.m.) eastern standard time on January 24, 2026; and
2. That as Supervisor I exercise the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law, to preserve the public safety and hereby render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens and visitors of the Town of Riverhead.

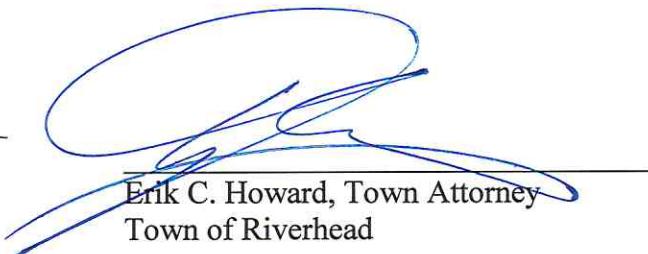
FURTHER, pursuant to Article IX of Chapter 289 of the Riverhead Town Code, I direct as follows:

1. That no parking shall be permitted on either side of any roadway during this winter storm emergency declaration; and
2. That I direct all departments and agencies of the Town of Riverhead to take whatever steps and/or actions necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and provide such emergency assistance deemed necessary.

This order shall be effective at 2100 hours (9:00 p.m.) eastern standard time on January 24, 2026 and shall continue until impacts of the Winter Storm Event have been abated or, in any event, for a period of time not inconsistent with law.



Jerome Halpin, Supervisor
Town of Riverhead



Erik C. Howard, Town Attorney
Town of Riverhead

DATED: January 22, 2026