



**PUTNAM COUNTY EXECUTIVE
KEVIN M. BYRNE**

**LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 3 of 2026
TEMPORARY TRAVEL BAN**

Whereas, a State of Emergency was declared in the County of Putnam effective at 12:01 a.m. on February 22, 2026 due to severe winter weather conditions, including significant snowfall, ice accumulation, strong winds, and extremely hazardous road conditions; and

Whereas, expected blizzard conditions are expected to result in limited visibility, dangerous and impassable roadways, and a threat to the public safety of the residents of Putnam County; and

Whereas, the restriction of non-essential travel is necessary to protect life and property and to allow snow removal equipment, emergency responders, utility crews, and other essential personnel to perform their duties;

Now therefore, as the Chief Executive Officer of the County of Putnam, I, Kevin M. Byrne, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Article 2-B of the New York State Executive Law, hereby order the following:

1. Travel Ban

A Travel Ban is hereby in effect on all County, town, and village roads and highways within Putnam County.

This Travel Ban shall be effective beginning at 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, February 22, 2026, and shall remain in effect until 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 23, 2026, unless rescinded or modified by a subsequent Order.

2. Prohibition of Non-Essential Travel

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon any public roadway within Putnam County during the duration of this Travel Ban except for essential travel.

3. Essential Travel

Essential travel shall be limited to:

- Emergency responders, including police, fire, EMS, and emergency management personnel
- Healthcare workers and individuals traveling to obtain emergency medical care
- Public utility and communications personnel
- Snow removal and road maintenance equipment and personnel

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- Individuals providing essential government services
- Media personnel actively engaged in news gathering
- Any other travel deemed necessary to protect life and safety as authorized by the County

4. Impeding Emergency Operations

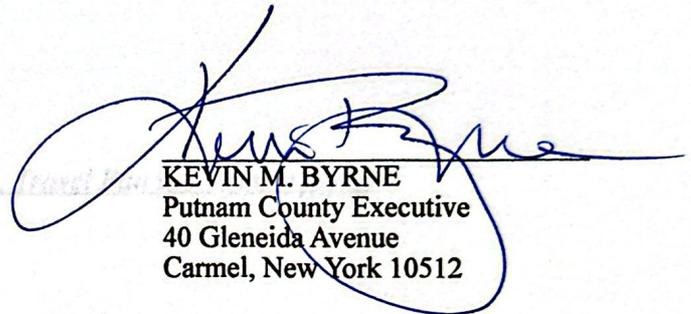
Any vehicle found in violation of this Order that interferes with snow removal or emergency operations may be removed at the owner's expense.

5. Enforcement

Failure to comply with this Order is a violation of the New York State Executive Law and shall be punishable as provided by law.

This Order shall remain in effect for the period set forth herein unless modified or rescinded by a subsequent Order.

Dated: February 22, 2026



KEVIN M. BYRNE
Putnam County Executive
40 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512

In accordance with the terms of Section 24 of New York State Executive Law, and to best please find an original signed Executive Order No. 3, issuing a travel ban in Putnam County, dated February 22, 2026, in file with your office. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kevin M. Byrne
Putnam County Executive

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