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### PRESS RELEASE

# Mayor McCarthy Rescinds Curfew in the City of Schenectady

**SCHENECTADY** – Mayor Gary McCarthy has issued a termination of the local curfew order, which was declared due to the threat of an imminently likely outbreak of civil unrest and disturbance within the City of Schenectady.

“On Sunday evening, we issued a Local Emergency Order as a precautionary measure instituting a curfew based on actionable intelligence of specific threats within the City of Schenectady,” **Mayor McCarthy said**. “These specific threats were unrelated to the peaceful protesters from the community earlier in the day.”

Mayor McCarthy also thanked members of the community for organizing a peaceful event and applauded Chief Eric Clifford and the Schenectady Police Department for their unifying actions that resulted in a successful outcome.

“Since his appointment as Chief of Police, Eric Clifford has ensured that community dialogue and neighborhood engagement remain at the core of the Schenectady Police Department’s mission,” **said Mayor McCarthy**. “What occurred yesterday afternoon was nothing short of amazing. In Schenectady, we believe that Black Lives Matter, and that police departments can be defined by their relationship with the community they serve.”

“I understand that as a profession, the police need to understand how our communities feel about the police, specifically black and brown members of our community,” **Schenectady Police Chief Eric Clifford said**. “As a profession we need to do better. Our communities deserve it. Our profession deserves it. Our nation deserves it. Yesterday we came together, established lines of communication, and in the end we walked together in unity, determined to be better people today and every day moving forward.”



**City of Schenectady, New York**

***EXECUTIVE ORDER  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR***

**Termination of State of Emergency and  
Local Emergency Order**

I, Gary R. McCarthy, Mayor of the City of Schenectady, having issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency and a Local Emergency Order on May 31, 2020, and pursuant to Section 24 of the State Executive Law, hereby immediately terminate the following:

- The May 31, 2020 State of Emergency, which was declared due to the threat of an imminently likely outbreak of civil unrest and disturbance within the City of Schenectady; and
- The May 31, 2020 Local Emergency Order, which established within the City of Schenectady a curfew prohibiting all persons from remaining in any public place during the hours of 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM.
- Nothing in this Order shall be deemed inconsistent with any of Governor Cuomo's active Executive Orders.



IN WITNESS WHERE OF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the seal of the City of Schenectady to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020.

*Gary R. McCarthy*

Gary R. McCarthy, Mayor

Witness: *[Signature]*

Title: *Corporation Counsel*