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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5 - 2007

WHEREAS, the County of Westchester has long been committed to energy conservation and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the replacement of old-fashioned incandescent light bulbs significantly reduces carbon dioxide emissions; and

WHEREAS, compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) are an energy-efficient and cost-effective alternative to the old-fashioned incandescent bulbs; and

WHEREAS, CFLs use 75 percent less energy than standard incandescent bulbs to provide the same amount of light, last up to 10 times longer than incandescent bulbs, and help to save \$30 or more in energy costs over each bulb's lifetime; and

WHEREAS, replacing just one incandescent light bulb with a CFL prevents about 150 pounds of carbon dioxide from being emitted into the atmosphere each year; and

WHEREAS, saving energy reduces pollution and the County of Westchester wants to do its part to address global warming and to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, Section 110.11 of the Laws of Westchester County places the responsibility to supervise, direct and control, subject to law, the administrative services and departments of the County, upon the County Executive; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning has advised that since this Executive Order essentially favors one product over another serving the same purpose, for the environmental benefits of reducing energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions, the proposed action has been classified as Type II, pursuant to section 617.5(c)(20), "routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment," and section 617.5(c)(27), "adoption of regulations, policies, procedures and local legislative decisions in connection with any action on this list," and as such, no further environmental review is required; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ANDREW J. SPANO, County Executive of the County of Westchester, in light of the aforementioned and in accordance with my statutory duties, do hereby order that the use of incandescent light bulbs is prohibited in County-owned buildings and facilities and that all incandescent light bulbs shall be replaced as soon as practicable with compact fluorescent light bulbs, with the following exclusions: (1) exterior lighting fixtures, except that wherever practicable, exterior lights bulbs shall be replaced with energy-efficient bulbs; and (2) light fixtures at County-owned buildings or facilities that appear to have historic significance, have been determined eligible for National Register of Historic Places listings or are listed in the National Register which if replaced would compromise the historic character of the facility.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until otherwise superseded or revoked.



ANDREW J. SPANO
County Executive

Dated: **April 19**, 2007
White Plains, New York