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### **STATEMENT FROM NYCDCC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER JOSEPH A. GEIGER ON GOVERNOR CUOMO'S DECISION TO SHUT DOWN NON-ESSENTIAL CONSTRUCTION DURING COVID-19 CRISIS**

During this extreme crisis, difficult decisions must be made to ensure the future of not just one, but millions of New Yorkers and countless others in our region. Governor Cuomo's order to temporarily shut down nonessential construction in New York will keep many construction workers safe and ultimately save many lives. The order was released on Friday, March 27th, and the District Council is working with our elected officials to determine which jobs will be impacted and assure that the plain language of the order is upheld. Now is not time for the exploitation of loopholes to allow nonessential work to continue in a way that will endanger members of our industry and the public. The staff at the District Council will be working tirelessly with the Benefit Funds to keep every member updated and informed as we navigate the impact the order will have. Many of our union brothers and sisters are on the front lines combating this deadly virus. Members across the state are answering the call for help by responding to emergency jobs, building out desperately needed hospital capacity, and ensuring critical infrastructure projects move forward. I have never been prouder to be a part of this extraordinary union. During trying times, we continually prove that we can rise to the occasion.