

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 264 October 14, 2021

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2021, the federal monitor in the *Nunez* use-of-force class action litigation stated steps must be taken immediately to address the conditions in the New York City jails; and

WHEREAS, excessive staff absenteeism among correction officers and supervising officers has contributed to a rise in unrest and disorder, and creates a serious risk to the necessary maintenance and delivery of sanitary conditions; access to basic services including showers, meals, visitation, religious services, commissary, and recreation; and prompt processing at intake; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Correction's (DOC's) staffing shortages are affecting health operations, including the availability of escorts to bring patients to the clinics and of DOC personnel to staff the clinics; and

WHEREAS, this Order is given to address the effects of excessive staff absenteeism and in order to address the conditions at DOC facilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2021, I issued Emergency Executive Order No. 241 and declared a state of emergency to exist within the correction facilities operated by the DOC, and such declaration remains in effect;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the laws of the State of New York and the City of New York, including but not limited to the New York Executive Law, the New York City Charter and the Administrative Code of the City of New York, and the common law authority to protect the public in the event of an emergency:

- Section 1. I hereby direct that the State of Emergency declared in Emergency Executive Order No. 241, dated September 15, 2021, is extended for thirty (30) days.
- § 2. I hereby direct that section 1 of Emergency Executive Order No. 260, dated October 9, 2021, is extended for five (5) days.
- § 3. This Emergency Executive Order shall take effect immediately. The State of Emergency shall remain in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days or until rescinded,

whichever occurs first. Additional declarations to extend the State of Emergency for additional periods not to exceed thirty (30) days will be issued if needed.

Bill de Blasio,

MAYOR