CERTIFICATION FOR AN EMERGENCY ADOPTED RULE  
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES  

I, Sheila J. Poole, Commissioner of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS), hereby certify that the attached amendments to Sub-parts 358-3 and Parts 403, 404, 405, 406, and 415 of Title 18 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York are duly adopted by me and are effective immediately. These amendments are adopted pursuant to the provisions of sections 20(3)(d), 34(3)(f), 390(2)(d), 410(1), and 410-x of the New York State Social Services Law, under which the Commissioner of OCFS may promulgate regulations necessary to carry out the purposes of the agency. I determined that it is necessary for the preservation of the general welfare that this amendment be adopted on an emergency basis as authorized by section 202(6) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, effective immediately upon filing with the Department of State.

These amendments are adopted as an emergency measure because time is of the essence. This emergency is necessary to implement changes effective as of February 7, 2020 and achieve compliance with federal background clearances, training, inspection, and health and safety standards.

Dated: April 3rd, 2020

Sheila J. Poole  
Commissioner