

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia, by Executive Order NUMBER FIFTY-ONE (2020), declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

WHEREAS, due to the outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19, conditions exist such that there is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Augusta, Virginia; and, that the severity and magnitude of the impact of the COVID-19, is sufficient to constitute an emergency as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and warrants coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby; and

WHEREAS, circumstances do not permit the Board of Supervisors of the County of Augusta, Virginia to convene to consent to the declaration of a local emergency; and

NOW, THEREFORE pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, the Director of Emergency Management for the County of Augusta, declares and proclaims the existence of a local emergency in the County of Augusta. This Declaration is effective upon the signature of the Director of Emergency Management, and shall remain in effect, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within forty-five (45) days of this Declaration, whichever occurs first; and


It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Director and the Emergency Services Department of the County of Augusta shall be all those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Augusta in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

If the Board of Supervisors confirms this Declaration, this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors determines that all appropriate actions have been taken to address the emergency declared herein, and votes to end the declared emergency as provided by applicable law.

Date: 3-16-2020


Director of Emergency Management

Date: 3-16-2020

Attest: 
Clerk, Board of Supervisors
County of Augusta