

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA**

WHEREAS, as a result of the potential spread of COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat, the Governor of Virginia declared a state of emergency on March 12, 2020, and directed local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a National Emergency beginning March 1, 2020, due to the outbreak of COVID-19; and,

WHEREAS cases of COVID-19 have been confirmed in the Fairfax Health District, and the potential impact of the spread of COVID-19 is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused by the existence of this communicable disease of public health threat; and,

WHEREAS, due to the potential spread of COVID-19, the potential for substantial injury or harm to the population necessitates the proclamation of the existence of a local emergency; and,

WHEREAS, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has consented to the declaration of a local emergency; it is hereby

DECLARED, that a local emergency exists throughout Fairfax County because the potential spread of COVID-19 will create the potential for an emergency that threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering threatened pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 44-146.16 and 44-146.21, and that this declaration shall remain in effect until the Board of Supervisors takes appropriate action to end the declared emergency; and it is

FURTHER DECLARED that the Fairfax County Emergency Operations Plan is now in effect, and that the powers, functions, and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management organization of the County of Fairfax shall be those set forth in the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of Fairfax County in order to mitigate the effects of this emergency.



Bryan J. Hill, County Executive
Director of Emergency Management