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COUNTY OF PRINCE EDWARD, VIRGINIA

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
County of Prince Edward, Virginia**

CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 to prepare and coordinate Virginia's response to the potential spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States proclaimed the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the threat to public health and safety to the residents of the County of Prince Edward, Virginia posed by and resulting from the COVID-19 virus is of sufficient severity and magnitude to be an emergency as defined by *Virginia Code* Section 44-146.16.

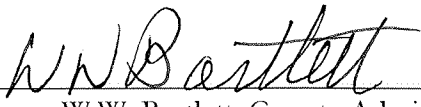
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED pursuant to the authority vested in me by *Virginia Code* Section 44-146.21, as the County's Director of Emergency Management, I hereby declare that a local emergency exists within the County of Prince Edward. This declaration shall activate the County's local emergency operations plan and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to *Virginia Code* Section 44-146.21, this Declaration authorizes the Director of Emergency Management to control, restrict, allocate or regulate the use, sale, production and distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems which fall only within the boundaries of this jurisdiction and which do not impact systems affecting adjoining or other political subdivisions, enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such threatened or actual disaster, protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster, and proceed without regard to time consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and other expenditures of public funds provided that expenditures do not exceed appropriations in the current approved fiscal year budget. This Declaration is effective upon my signature and shall remain in full force and effect until the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors considers the confirmation of this Declaration at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within forty-five days of this Declaration,

whichever occurs first. If the Board of Supervisors confirms this Declaration, it shall remain in full force and effect until the Board of Supervisors determines that all necessary emergency actions have been taken and takes appropriate action to end the declared emergency by a majority vote taken at an open meeting, in accordance with the provisions of *Virginia Code* Section 44- 146.21(A).

Effective Date: March 16, 2020
Effective Time: 4:00 p.m.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of March, 2020.



W.W. Bartlett, County Administrator
Director of Emergency Management
County of Prince Edward, Virginia