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## DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VA

WHEREAS, on February  $10^{th}$ , 2025, Governor Glenn Youngkin declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on National Weather Service forecasts indicating a severe winter weather threat with snow accumulations of 6-10 inches along with sleet, ice, freezing rain, and temperatures below freezing for several days that could cause transportation difficulties and power outages; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service has issued a Winter Weather Warning beginning 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 11, 2025, for the Town of Warrenton, forecasting 6 – 10 inches of heavy snowfall, sleet, and ice accumulation; and

WHEREAS, I, Frank Cassidy, as Town Manager for the Town of Warrenton, find that the imminent threat of severe winter weather and the potential for loss or interruption of vital Town services, public safety, water, sewer, and transportation, posed by this severe snow storm, constitutes a situation of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, loss, hardship, or suffering; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 20 of the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances addresses emergency management and disaster preparedness, specifically including Sec. 20-5 regarding the declaration of emergencies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2025, effective 11:00 AM that an emergency does now exist throughout the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, and acting as Director of Emergency Management, I, Frank Cassidy exercise the authority given to me under Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, and the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 5 to declare a local state of emergency that shall remain in effect until rescinded by a subsequent order; and

**BE IT YET FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that I shall present a resolution ratifying said declaration of local emergency at the next regular meeting of the Town of Warrenton Town Council on February 11<sup>th,</sup> 2025, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, and the Town of Warrenton Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 5.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Warrenton to be affixed this  $11^{th}$  day of February 2025.

Frank Cassidy

Town Manager