A RESOLUTION REMOVING THE AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN MANAGER TO DECLARE A WATER EMERGENCY DUE TO THE CONCLUSION OF DROUGHT CONTISIONS AT THIS TIME.

WHEREAS, on September 7th, 2023, The Town Council of the Town of Warrenton, Virginia, held a special meeting and passed a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to declare a Water Emergency due to drought conditions and recommendations by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ); and

WHEREAS, on January 9th, 2024, The Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Fource issued a Drought Status report that suggested lifting the Drought advisory for our region; and

WHEREAS, on January 19th, 2024, the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality issued a drought advisory update that lifted the Drought Watch for Fauquier County; and

WHEREAS, Section 17-146 of the Warrenton Town Code authorizes the Town Manager to declare water Emergencies with the approval of the Town Council; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton hereby removes the authorization of the Town Manager to declare a water emergency affecting the use of water by persons and properties served by town water, inside and outside of the town boundaries, and removed the authorization of the publication of such emergency declaration pursuant to Section 17-147 of the Warrenton Town Code as needed and removes the authorization the Town Manager to take all necessary actions to implement conservation and other restrictions authorized under Sections 17-148 and 17-150 of the Warrenton Town Code to control and restrict the use of water during an emergency caused by a water shortage, including, but not limited to, imposition of penalties as provided under Section 17-151 of the Warrenton Town Code.

ATTACHMENT: Staff Report and Supporting Documents

<u>Votes:</u>
Ayes:
Nays:
Absent from Meeting:

For Information:
Town Manager
Assistant Director Public Utilities

ATTEST: _____
                                          Town Recorder