

September 7, 2023  
Town Council  
Special Meeting

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WARRENTON, VIRGINIA  
AUTHORIZING 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 TO CONTROL AND RESTRICT THE USE OF  
WATER DURING AN EMERGENCY CAUSED BY A WATER SHORTAGE.**

**WHEREAS**, on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the Virginia Department of Environment Quality issued a drought Watch Advisory for Fauquier County; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the Virginia Drought Monitoring Task Force, surface and groundwater indicators such as precipitation, groundwater, stream flows have continued to decline throughout the past fourteen-day monitoring period; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 5th, 2022, the National Weather Service issued a heat advisory for the region citing record breaking heat across the east and southern United States of America. This heat advisory is bringing heat indexes of up to 107 degrees Fahrenheit through Thursday September 7th, 2023, exacerbating the existing drought conditions; 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

**WHEREAS**, a Special Meeting of the Warrenton Town Council was called on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, to request approval of the Declaration of a Water Emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, the Town Council of the Town of Warrenton hereby authorizes 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, authorizes the publication of such emergency declaration pursuant to Section 17-147 of the Warrenton Town Code as needed and authorizes 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

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Ms. Heather Sutphin; Mr. Brett Hamby; Mr. James Hartman, Vice Mayor;  
Mr. Jay Heroux; Mr. David McGuire.

**Nays:**

Absent from Meeting: Mr. William Semple; Mr. Paul Mooney.

For Information:  
Town Manager  
Assistant Director Public Utilities

ATTEST:  \_\_\_\_\_  
Town Recorder