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## DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE TOWN OF WARRENTON

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Warrenton is facing an imminent threat from a significant winter storm system forecasted to impact the region beginning Saturday, January 24, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the National Weather Service indicates high confidence in a major winter event, with a 60–80% probability of at least 4 inches of snow and a 50–75% probability of accumulations exceeding 8 inches, followed by a prolonged Arctic air mass with temperatures remaining below freezing for several days; and

**WHEREAS**, I, Christopher Martino, as Interim Town Manager for the Town of Warrenton, find that the impending winter storm, the potential for hazardous travel, and the threat of loss or interruption of vital Town services—including public safety, water, sewer, and transportation—constitutes a situation of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate 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 21st day of January 2026, to be **effective at 8:00 AM on January 22, 2026**, to allow residents and Town staff sufficient time to prepare for impending conditions, that a state of local emergency shall exist throughout the Town of Warrenton, Virginia; and

**BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED** that acting as Director of Emergency Management, I, Christopher Martino, 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Code of Ordinances, Chapter 20, Section 5, to declare this local state of emergency, which shall remain in effect until rescinded or terminated by a subsequent order; and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, 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 hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Town of Warrenton to be affixed this 21st day of January, 2026.

Christopher Martino

Interim Town Manager

1/21/2026  
Date

EXPERIENCE