

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton experienced **significant flooding** beginning on **July 16th 2025**, due to approximately 4.7 inches of rain, with over two inches falling within a thirty-minute period. As a result, multiple vehicles became trapped in floodwaters on arterial roadways, requiring the rescue of several citizens. Residents and business owners experienced flooding of their homes and businesses. Additionally, there continue to be significant impacts on our critical infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Warrenton continued to be under a Flash Flood Warning with an additional three days of rain expected; and

WHEREAS, on July 16th, 2025, at 6:00 PM, under the Code of Virginia § 44- 146.19 Powers and duties of political subdivisions, and § 44-146.21 Declaration of local emergency, a local emergency exists in the Town of Warrenton, Virginia.

WHEREAS, that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Manager and Emergency Management Coordinator of the Town of Warrenton shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the Town including town code section Sec. 20-6. - *Emergency powers*, in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency, including:

- All Town of Warrenton assets are hereby ordered to be placed at the disposal of the Town Manager or Emergency Management Coordinator
- All Town regulations prescribing procedures for the conduct of Town business, if strict compliance would hinder necessary action in coping with the emergency, are hereby suspended. Suspension of such procedures shall be at the direction of the Town Manager or designee.
- All employees of the Town are hereby directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in the execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives – state and local.
- All citizens are called upon and directed to comply with necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and emergency responders in executing emergency operations plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officials.

WHEREAS, by the Town Council of Warrenton, Virginia, this day, August 12th, 2025, That the Declaration of Local Emergency made by the Town Manager on July 16th, 2025, as a result of flash flooding, is hereby confirmed.

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Town Manager

Town Emergency Coordinator

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder