

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on Friday, January 3, 2025, Governor Youngkin declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia based on National Weather Service forecasts that indicate a severe winter storm with snow accumulations of several inches along with sleet, ice, freezing rain, and temperatures below freezing for several days that could cause transportation difficulties and power outages; and

WHEREAS, a potential, serious threat to the public health, safety, and welfare was created by Winter Storm Blair in the Town of Warrenton beginning January 05, 2025,

WHEREAS, on January 05, 2025, the Fauquier County Administrator, in her capacity as the local director of emergency management, upon the recommendation of the Fauquier County Chief of the Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Management, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, the disruption in transportation routes threatens the delivery of public safety services and goods to citizens and businesses, requiring additional personnel, equipment, and personnel to be on available; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 2025 at 7:00 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 Emergency Management Coordinator.
- 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 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, January XXXX, That the Declaration of Local Emergency made by the Town Manager on January 5, 2025 as a result of Winter Storm Blair, is hereby, confirmed.

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:
Town Manager
Town Emergency Coordinator

ATTEST: _____
Town Recorder

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