

January 13th, 2026
Town Council
Regular Meeting
Res. No.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACTING TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (VDEM) PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM REGARDING THE JULY 16, 2025, FLASH FLOOD EVENT

WHEREAS, on the evening of July 16, 2025, the Town of Warrenton experienced an extraordinary 200-year rainfall event, resulting in significant flash flooding and damage to critical Town-owned infrastructure, including stormwater systems, roadways, and utility facilities; and

WHEREAS, a Local State of Emergency was retroactively declared effective July 16, 2025, in accordance with Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, providing the necessary legal framework for emergency response and state-level financial aid eligibility; and

WHEREAS, the Town's newly established independent Emergency Management Agency (EMA) has successfully coordinated with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) and various Town departments to document initial damages, which were originally estimated in excess of \$109,250; and

WHEREAS, through the diligent internal efforts of Public Works and Utilities staff, the Town has realized significant cost savings on immediate repairs while continuing to identify long-term subsurface damage to stormwater pipes and drainage systems; and

WHEREAS, the VDEM Public Assistance (PA) program provides a vital mechanism for the Town to recover eligible costs not covered by insurance, thereby protecting the Town's General Fund and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) allocations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Warrenton Town Council this 6th day of January 2026, that the Acting Town Manager is hereby authorized to execute and submit a Notice of Intent and all other necessary documents to the Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM) to formally proceed with the Public Assistance (PA) process for the July 16, 2025, flood event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Emergency Management Coordinator is authorized to serve as the primary point of contact for VDEM and is directed to provide all required documentation, including Damage Survey Reports and Force Account labor records, to ensure the maximum allowable reimbursement of public funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any funds recovered through the VDEM Public Assistance program shall be applied toward the restoration of Town infrastructure and the mitigation of future extreme weather impacts in alignment with the Warrenton Plan 2040.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

ATTACHMENT: None

Votes:

Ayes:

Nays:

Absent from Vote:

Absent from Meeting:

For Information:

Acting Town Manager

Emergency Management Coordinator

ATTEST: _____

Town Recorder