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TOWN OF PURCELLVILLE
IN
LOUDOUN COUNTY, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION NO. 20-03-02

PRESENTED: MARCH 24, 2020
ADOPTED: _____

**A RESOLUTION: CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF
LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED BY THE TOWN MANAGER
ON MARCH 16, 2020, MADE NECESSARY BY COVID-19**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease, COVID-19, that has now spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the United States' Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that the COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic, as the rates of infection continue to rise in many locations around the world and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the continued spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Virginia, directing all local governments to render appropriate assistance to prepare for this event, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities so as to return impacted areas to pre-event conditions as much as possible; and

A RESOLUTION:

**CONFIRMING AND RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY ISSUED
BY THE TOWN MANAGER ON MARCH 16, 2020, MADE NECESSARY BY COVID-19**

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Purcellville Town Manager, in his capacity as the Town's Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, in order for a declaration of local emergency to remain in effect, it must be confirmed by the Town Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Purcellville, Virginia confirms and ratifies the Town Manager's declaration of a local emergency issued on Monday, March 16, 2020, and amends such declaration to state that the COVID-19 Pandemic constitutes not only an emergency, but also a "disaster" as defined in Virginia Code §44-146.16, being a "communicable disease of public health threat."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all emergency actions taken by the Town Manager, Town officials, employees, and agents pursuant to the Town Manager's declaration of emergency on March 16, 2020, are hereby confirmed and ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this declaration of local emergency and disaster shall remain in full force and effect until the Town Council declares it to have ended.

PASSED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2020 .

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor
Town of Purcellville

ATTEST:

Diana Hays, Town Clerk

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EXHIBIT A TO RESOLUTION 20-03-02

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

The Town of Purcellville is hereby under a Declaration of Local Emergency effective Monday, March 16, 2020 in response to the continued spread of novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19.

During this Declaration of Local Emergency, all emergency protocols and waivers will be implemented as it pertains to staffing, Town policies, emergency procurement, acquisition of facilities, equipment and resources and all other legal powers granted to the Director of Emergency Management for our community, which is the Town Manager, or his designee, under Sections 44-146.21 through 44-146.27 of the Code of Virginia.

Kwasi A. Fraser, Mayor
Town of Purcellville

David A. Mekarski, Town Manager and
Director of Emergency Management
Town of Purcellville

Certified By:

Diana Hays, Town Clerk
Town of Purcellville