

RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 3

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
in Worcester County, Maryland for
COVID-19**

WHEREAS, Worcester County, Maryland (the "County") is subject to a variety of hazards or disasters including but not limited to an "emergency" as defined in Section 14-101(c)(1) of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, all of which have the potential for creating casualties, disrupting the community, and causing damage; and

WHEREAS, as a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency has been proclaimed on March 5, 2020 by Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland to prevent the spread of COVID-19, there is a need for special preparedness and response for which resources may be required; and

WHEREAS, although the precise impact of COVID-19 is uncertain, Worcester County must take steps to proactively prepare for the potential community transmission of COVID-19 and minimize the threat to public safety and lives of all County residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Worcester County Emergency Operations Plan and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland has the authority and responsibility to declare an official State of Emergency and plan for emergency responses in certain areas of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

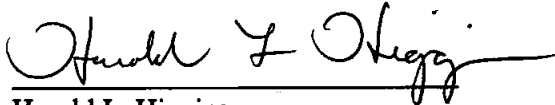
1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared in Worcester County, Maryland.
2. The Worcester County Emergency Operations Plan is hereby activated and shall authorize the provision of aid and assistance under such Plan, as well as facilitate the deployment of the requisite resources.
3. The County Commissioners strongly recommend advanced preparations by all residents and visitors.
4. The County Commissioners strongly recommend that County residents to take the preventive measures identified by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Worcester County Health Department to limit the spread of COVID-19, until such time as this public health crisis ends.
5. The Worcester County Department of Emergency Services and other County departments shall, as appropriate, take steps necessary to protect life and property, public infrastructure, and render other such emergency assistance as deemed necessary.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland, that unless terminated earlier by subsequent resolution, this local State of Emergency shall remain in effect until further notice.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

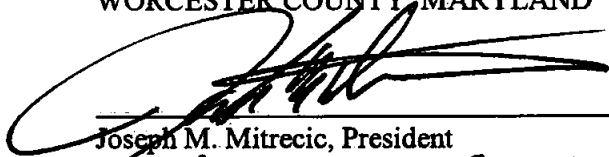
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

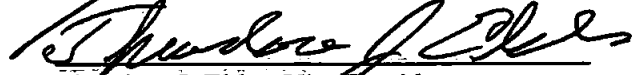


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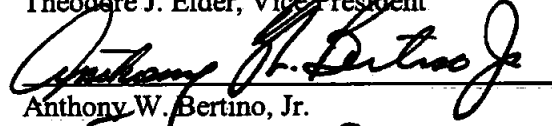
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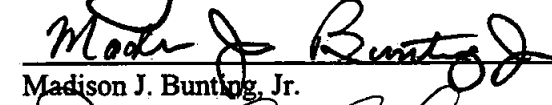
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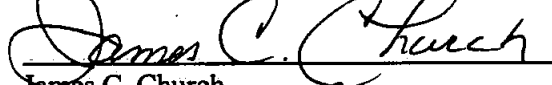
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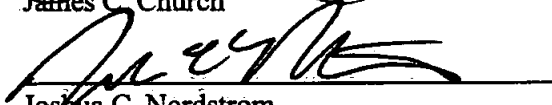
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