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## DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia, by Executive Order Number Fifty-One (2020), declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia with regard to the Coronavirus (COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, due to the outbreak and continued spread of COVID-19, conditions exist such that there is a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the County of Nelson, Virginia; and, that the severity and magnitude of the impact of COVID-19 is sufficient to constitute an emergency as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and warrants coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby; and

**WHEREAS**, circumstances do not permit the Board of Supervisors of the County of Nelson, Virginia to convene to consent to the declaration of a local emergency; and

**NOW, THEREFORE** pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, the Director of Emergency Services for the County of Nelson declares and proclaims the existence of a local emergency in the County of Nelson. This Declaration is effective upon the signature of the Director of Emergency Services, and shall remain in effect, subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors at its next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within forty-five (45) days of this Declaration, whichever occurs first; and

It is further proclaimed and ordered that during the existence of said emergency the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Services Director and the Emergency Services Department of the County of Nelson shall be all those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the County of Nelson in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

If the Board of Supervisors confirms this Declaration, this Declaration shall remain in full force and effect until such time as the Board of Supervisors determines that all appropriate actions have been taken to address the emergency declared herein, and votes to end the declared emergency as provided by applicable law.



Director of Emergency Services

3/18/20  
Date



Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Nelson

3/18/2020  
Date