



## DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

(COVID-19 Vims)

(Virginia Code§ 44-146.21)

COVID-19 is a communicable disease that was declared by the World Health Organization ("WHO") to be a "public health emergency of international concern" on January 30, 2020, and its spread was characterized by the WHO as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

As the County Administrator and Director of Emergency Management for the County of Charles City, Virginia, I find the imminent threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Charles City County posed by and resulting from the COVID-19 virus to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to be an emergency, as defined in Virginia Code§ 44-146.16, and to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life. Therefore, pursuant to Virginia Code§ 44-146.21, I hereby declare a Local Emergency in Charles City County, Virginia beginning Friday, March 13, 2020, at 12:57 pm.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Regional Emergency Operations Plan is activated, furnishing aid and assistance under the Plan are authorized, and all appropriate County departments and agencies are hereby vested with, and authorized to carry out, all powers, duties and functions prescribed by State and local laws, rules, regulations, and plans as may be necessary to adequately and appropriately respond to the Local Emergency by providing emergency services and emergency assistance, and by taking emergency actions.

  
Michelle Johnson, County Administrator and  
Director of Emergency Management  
County of Charles City, Virginia

  
Date