

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF STAUNTON, VIRGINIA
CONSENTING TO AND CONFIRMING DECLARATION OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY AND ALSO DECLARING A DISASTER DUE TO NOVEL
CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)**

Recitals

- A. Virginia Code § 44-146.21 authorizes the declaration of a local emergency;
- B. Section 11 of the Charter of the City of Staunton also grants broad powers to City Council;
- C. Steven L. Rosenberg, the City Manager and Director of Emergency Management of the City of Staunton, Virginia, declared a local emergency as provided in the March 16, 2020, declaration issued and attached and incorporated by reference; and
- D. These recitals are an integral part of this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21 and such other applicable laws, including but not limited to the powers granted by the Charter of the City of Staunton, Virginia, that the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, **CONSENTS** to and **CONFIRMS** the March 16, 2020 declaration of a local emergency throughout the City of Staunton, Virginia; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.16 and such other applicable laws, that the Council of the City of Staunton, Virginia, **DECLARES** the anticipated effects of COVID-19, a communicable disease of public health threat, constitute a disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER CONFIRMED, RESOLVED, DECLARED AND ORDERED that during the existence of such emergency and disaster, the powers, functions, and duties of the Local Emergency Management Director and local emergency services planning organization or committee and City staff shall be those prescribed by Virginia law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of the City of Staunton in order to mitigate and otherwise address the effects of such emergency and disaster; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council **CONSENTS** to and **RATIFIES** and **AFFIRMS** that all City officials are granted such authority, pursuant to extant law, in such circumstances to take all actions, to the fullest extent permitted by law, to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened or caused or being caused by such local emergency and disaster.



Carolyn W. Dull, Mayor

Attest: Suzanne F. Simmons
Suzanne F. Simmons, Clerk of Council