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EXECUTIVE ORDER

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland ("State Law"), the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County, Maryland (the "Chairman"), acting as the principal executive officer for Garrett County, Maryland ("Garrett County"), is authorized to declare a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS, after consultation with representatives of the Garrett County Health Department, the County Health Officer, as well as other local public health personnel and the Garrett County Director of Emergency Management and Emergency Services (the "Department"), I have determined that a public health catastrophe has occurred, or the threat thereof is imminent, and that a declaration of "Emergency," as defined by State Law, is necessary to save lives, protect public health and safety, and to allow emergency agencies and first responders to thoroughly prepare for any eventuality related to public peace, health, safety, and protection of property; and

WHEREAS, beginning on March 22, 2020, 5:00 P.M. local time, Garrett County has or may imminently experience a COVID-19 public health catastrophe and public emergency as described in the Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of Catastrophic Health Emergency-COVID-19 issued by the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Governor of the State of Maryland, dated March 5, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Paul C. Edwards, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for Garrett County, Maryland, acting in accordance with State Law and as the principal executive officer of Garrett County, do hereby declare and proclaim a "Local State of Emergency" in Garrett County, Maryland, effective at 5:00 P.M. local time, March 22, 2020:

I direct that the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan, including, specifically, the Garrett County Emergency Operations Plan, be activated in Garrett County;

In accordance with the provisions of Maryland law, I further authorize and empower the Department to assist the Garrett County Health Officer with all health-related requests for resources, assistance and needs that may arise during the pendency of the State of Emergency;

I authorize and empower the Director of the Department, after consultation with the County Administrator, to order the evacuation of all persons, from any area where their continued presence would present a danger to their health, safety or welfare because of the conditions created by the Emergency;

I authorize and empower the Director of the Department to utilize all facilities owned, rented, operated and maintained by Garrett County or available to Garrett County under an emergency mutual aid agreement, to house and shelter persons who may need housing during the course of this Emergency;

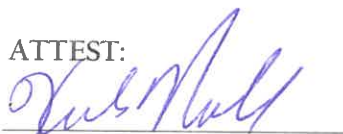
I declare and direct that any and all County officials, employees, agents and volunteers who discharge duties under authority of this Executive Order and/or the County's Emergency Operations Plan shall be deemed to be public servants acting in the discharge of official powers or duties; and

Further, I declare that this Declaration of State of Emergency shall take effect at 5:00 P.M., this 22th day of March, 2020, and remain in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, subject to renewal as conditions warrant.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO PLACED MY HAND THIS 22TH DAY OF MARCH 2020

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND

ATTEST:



Kevin G. Null
County Administrator

By



Paul C. Edwards, Chairman