



March 16, 2020

**LOCAL DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

Whereas, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), a communicable disease of public health threat; and whereas on March 15, 2020, Governor Ralph S. Northam announced a temporary statewide ban on all public events of more than 100 people; and

Whereas, the threat to public health and safety to the residents of Prince William County from exposure to the COVID-19 constitutes an emergency or disaster of such sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a coordinated response by the various County departments, agencies, and voluntary organizations.

Therefore I, Christopher E. Martino, County Executive and Director of Emergency Management for Prince William County, hereby declare a state of local emergency in Prince William County, pursuant to Sections 44-146.13, et. seq., VA Code Ann.

In accordance with the Prince William County Emergency Operations Plan, I am designating Brian Misner, Emergency Services Manager, as the Coordinator of Emergency Management. This declaration will be presented for confirmation by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors ("Board") at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting or at a special meeting within 45 days of the declaration, whatever occurs first.

Signed:  Date and Time: 3/16/2020 12:00 PM

Christopher E. Martino  
County Executive  
Director of Emergency Management

cc: Prince William Board of County Supervisors  
Prince William County Attorney