

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA HELD AT THE ROANOKE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION CENTER, MARCH 17, 2020

**RESOLUTION 031720-1 CONFIRMING THE DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY DUE TO THE OUTBREAK OF SARS-CoV-2/ COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)**

WHEREAS, in December 2019, a novel coronavirus known as SARS-CoV2 was first detected in Wuhan, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, causing outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has now spread globally; and

WHEREAS, the United States' Secretary of Health and Human Services declared a public health emergency on January 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced that the COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic, as the rates of infection continue to rise in many locations around the world and across the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, Governor Ralph Northam declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia due to the continued spread of COVID-19 (Coronavirus); and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Roanoke County's Director of Emergency Management declared a local emergency pursuant to Section 44-146.21 of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, in order for the declaration of local emergency to remain in effect, it must be confirmed by the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED that an emergency does now exist throughout Roanoke County; and

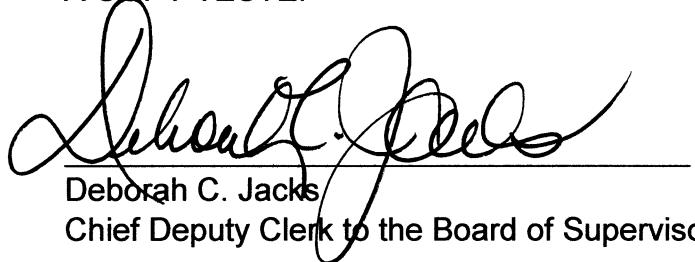
IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the Emergency Management Organization of Roanoke County shall be those prescribed by State law and the ordinances, resolutions, and approved plans of Roanoke County in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

On motion of Supervisor North to adopt the resolution, seconded by Supervisor Hooker and carried by the following recorded vote:

AYES: Supervisors Mahoney, Hooker, North, Peters, Radford

NAYS: None

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Deborah C. Jacks  
Chief Deputy Clerk to the Board of Supervisors