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STEUART PITTMAN
County Executive

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 16

PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the Worldwide Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic outbreak; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, causing illness or death, transmitted by person-to-person contact of the novel coronavirus, which had not previously existed in humans; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus is a viral agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability; and

WHEREAS, to date, there have been 983 cases in the United States, with 29 confirmed deaths, and active cases in 38 States plus the District of Columbia, including 13 confirmed cases in the State of Maryland; and

WHEREAS, of the 13 confirmed cases in Maryland, six cases have been confirmed in Montgomery County, four cases in Prince George's County, one in Harford County, one in Baltimore County, and including one active case in Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, the transmission of the novel coronavirus in Anne Arundel County is a direct threat to the human health of all citizens of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Anne Arundel County; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and constitutes a civil emergency under Article 1, Title 6, of the Anne Arundel County Code, requiring Anne Arundel County to deploy

resources and implement the emergency powers of the County Executive to protect the health and safety of its citizens; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and §§ 1-6-101 *et. seq.* of the Anne Arundel County Code, do hereby proclaim and order on this 13th day of March, 2020:

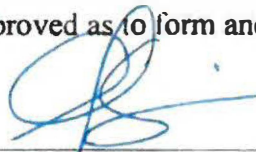
1. That pursuant to § 1-6-102 of the County Code, a civil emergency exists in Arundel County due to the COVID-19 outbreak, for the reasons stated herein.
2. All emergency powers of the County Executive under Article 1, Title 6 of the Anne Arundel County Code are hereby enabled.
3. The civil emergency shall extend for a period of seven days from the date hereof, unless terminated earlier by a subsequent Executive Order or extended by ordinance of the County Council.
4. The Public Information Officer shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law and remain in existence until altered or terminated by a subsequent Executive Order.



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Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:



Gregory J. Swain
County Attorney