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# STEUART PITTMAN County Executive

#### **EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 49**

## TERMINATING THE PROCLAMATION OF CIVIL EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by Lawrence J. Hogan, the Governor of the State of Maryland, on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, May 6, 2020, June 3, 2020, July 1, 2020, August 10, 2020, September 8, 2020, October 6, 2020, October 29, 2020, November 25, 2020, December 23, 2020, January 21, 2021, February 19, 2021, March 18, 2021, April 16, 2021, and May 12, 2021, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the State;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Steuart Pittman issued Executive Order No. 16 proclaiming a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County due to the rapid onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which Executive Order was extended by the County Council on March 20, 2020, via Bill No. 24-20;

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the Department of Health constantly review the health care metrics, case trends, hospital capacity, positivity rate, and other factors to ensure that any restrictions imposed are fairly applied, effective, and reasonable and necessary to save lives or prevent the spread of COVID-19, and based on that review, all previous restrictions imposed by the County Executive under his emergency powers to save lives or prevent the spread of COVID-19 have been lifted;

WHEREAS, the combined State and local effort to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccines to Anne Arundel County residents has been successful and as of June 8, 2021, has resulted in 47.0% of the County's population being fully vaccinated, while 54.7% of County residents have received their first shot;

WHEREAS, as a result of the various protective measures imposed and the successful vaccination campaign, the case rate in the County has dropped consistently and as of June 8, 2021, now stands at 1.6 per 100,000 residents, the lowest level since the beginning of the pandemic;

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WHEREAS, as a result of the various protective measures imposed and the successful vaccination campaign, the number of people hospitalized in the County for COVID-19, has dropped consistently and as of June 8, 2021, now stands at 13 people, the lowest level since the beginning of the pandemic;

WHEREAS, based on the multiple metrics monitored, the underlying cause of the civil emergency has abated and a state of civil emergency is no longer warranted.

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 9th day of June, 2021:

- 1. The basis for the civil emergency proclaimed by Executive Order No. 16 has been abated such that extraordinary measures are no longer necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. For that reason, the proclamation of civil emergency is hereby terminated.
- 2. This Executive Order No. 49 shall take effect immediately.
- 3. The County Public Information Office 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.

STEUART PITTMAN
County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Gregory J. Swain County Attorney