

**CHARLES COUNTY, MARYLAND  
EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**Declaration of a Local State of Emergency**

**WHEREAS,** Maryland is subject to the impacts of a wide variety of natural hazards, which includes pandemics related to viral disease, or disasters;

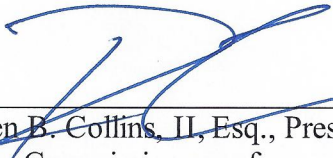
**WHEREAS,** The Charles County Department of Emergency Services has advised the Charles County Government that Charles County is incurring a significant impact from a public health emergency related to the novel coronavirus known as COVID-19.

**WHEREAS,** Such extreme conditions are highly hazardous and may threaten or imperil the health, welfare and public safety of the citizens of Charles County and that additional resources may be needed to respond to this event; and

**WHEREAS,** In order to facilitate the deployment of requisite resources as provided by Charles County statutes and the Charles County Emergency Operations Plan and to implement the County's emergency powers, this "executive order" declaring a local state of emergency is necessary and appropriate.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, the principal executive officer of Charles County, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Annotated Code of Maryland, Public Safety Article, Section 14-111, to preserve the public safety and render all required and available assistance vital to the security, well-being and health of the citizens of the community do hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in Charles County and further authorize the Charles County Department of Emergency Services, during this emergency, to engage, deploy, and coordinate available resources and to take whatever steps are necessary to protect life and property, and public infrastructure, and to provide such other emergency assistance as may be deemed necessary; and

**IT IS FURTHER,** ORDERED that this State of Emergency is declared for a period of time beginning at 12 pm on the date of March 14, 2020, and continuing in effect for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and ending at 11:59 am on the date of April 15, 2020.

  
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Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President  
County Commissioners of  
Charles County, Maryland

Date: 3-16-2020