

RESOLUTION
**A RESOLUTION DECLARING AND EXTENDING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
DUE TO THE ADVERSE EFFECTS FROM COVID-19**

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties and has caused a disruption of services in Calvert County, Maryland;

WHEREAS, the principal executive officer of the County Commissioners of Calvert County has the authority pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, Public Safety Article, §14-111 and is authorized to declare a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS, Commissioner President McConkey did execute Resolution 02-20, a declaration of a local state of emergency on March 17, 2020, whereupon the Calvert County Emergency Operations Plan became immediately effective, which confers, among other powers, the power to the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County the authority to take such measures as necessary to maximize the preservation of life and property, including the authority to request evacuation of areas;

WHEREAS, authority exists for a local state of emergency to continue for thirty (30) days, as was provided in Resolution 02-20, and State law provides for renewal periods not longer than thirty (30) days with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 07-20 on April 7, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 11-20 on May 14, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 20-20 on June 9, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 24-20 on July 14, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 28-20 on August 11, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 30-20 on August 25, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 41-20 on September 29, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners passed Resolution 48-20 on November 10, 2020 extending the local state of emergency for an additional thirty (30) days; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19, continues to be a respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, is a public health catastrophe and has been confirmed in several Maryland counties and continues to cause disruption of services in Calvert County, Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that a local state of emergency continues;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the extension of the declaration of a local state of emergency for an additional thirty

(30) days, effective immediately upon the expiration of Resolution 48-20, is warranted for the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Calvert County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that powers hereby extended shall continue to be exercised with compassion and due regard to the constitutional and legal rights of the citizens of Calvert County;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that, unless terminated earlier by a subsequent Resolution, this local state of emergency shall expire upon the end of the three hundredth (300th) day following the Effective Date without further action by the Board, if not sooner rescinded; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert County, Maryland that the foregoing recitals are incorporated by reference.

Date of Adoption: December 1, 2020
Effective Date: March 17, 2020

Aye: 4
Nay: 0
Absent/Abstain: 1

ATTEST:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF CALVERT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

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