

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(COVID-19 Virus)(Albemarle Example)
(Virginia Code § 44-146.21)**

COVID-19 is a communicable disease that was declared by the World Health Organization (“WHO”) to be a “public health emergency of international concern” on January 30, 2020, and its spread was characterized by the WHO as a pandemic on March 11, 2020.

On March 12, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia issued a Declaration of a State of Emergency related to COVID-19, and that declaration states that the “anticipated effects of COVID-19 constitute a disaster as described” in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and a “communicable disease of public health threat,” a term that is also defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16.

As the County Executive and Director of Emergency Management for the County of Albemarle, Virginia, I find the imminent threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Albemarle County posed by the COVID-19 virus to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to be an emergency and a disaster, as those terms are defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life. Therefore, pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, I hereby declare a Local Emergency in Albemarle County, Virginia beginning _____, 2020 at _____.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Regional Emergency Operations Plan is activated, furnishing aid and assistance under the Plan are authorized, and all appropriate County departments and agencies are hereby vested with, and authorized to carry out, all powers, duties and functions prescribed by State and local laws, rules, regulations, and plans as may be necessary to adequately and appropriately respond to the Local Emergency by providing emergency services and emergency assistance, and by taking emergency actions.

Jeffrey B. Richardson, County Executive and
Director of Emergency Management
County of Albemarle, Virginia

Date

**RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S
DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
(COVID-19 Virus) (Albemarle Example)
(Virginia Code § 44-146.21)**

WHEREAS, the County Executive is designated as the Director of Emergency Management for the County of Albemarle; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization characterized the spread of the COVID-19 virus as a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor declared a state of emergency on March 12, 2020 related to the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus and its continued spread pose an imminent threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Albemarle County, and the consequences of the virus are of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life; and

WHEREAS, because of the imminent threat to the public health and safety to the residents of Albemarle County arising from the COVID-19 virus, County Executive Jeffrey B. Richardson, acting in his capacity as the Director of Emergency Management, declared a local emergency on March 12, 2020 pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21; and

WHEREAS, given the Governor's declaration on March 12, 2020 and the immediate need for local emergency actions to begin, the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors could not timely convene to give its prior consent to the County Executive's declaration.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors confirms the declaration of a local emergency by the County Executive on March 12, 2020.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____

**RESOLUTION CONSENTING TO THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
ISSUING A DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
(COVID-19 Virus)(Albemarle Example)
(Virginia Code § 44-146.21)**

WHEREAS, the County Executive, acting as the Director of Emergency Management (the “County Executive”), is authorized to declare local emergencies pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21(A) with the prior consent or the subsequent confirmation of the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive desires to issue a Declaration of Local Emergency related to the COVID-19 virus, a copy of which is attached hereto.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle County Board of Supervisors consents to the County Executive issuing the Declaration of Local Emergency.

I, Claudette K. Borgersen, do hereby certify that the foregoing writing is a true, correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Albemarle County, Virginia, by a vote of _____ to _____, as recorded below, at a regular meeting held on _____.

Clerk, Board of County Supervisors

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Mr. Gallaway	_____	_____
Ms. LaPisto-Kirtley	_____	_____
Ms. Mallek	_____	_____
Ms. McKeel	_____	_____
Ms. Palmer	_____	_____
Ms. Price	_____	_____