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DECLARATION OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY
CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

The Greene County Board of Supervisors has passed a resolution authorizing a local emergency in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic effective Friday, March 13, 2020 at 9:00 p.m.

The declaration follows Governor Northam’s State Declaration of Emergency and President Trump’s National Emergency Declaration. A local declaration will allow the County to maximize preparedness and response efforts regarding COVID-19.

At this time, there are no cases reported in our community by the Virginia Department of Health (VDH). We continue to work with local and state officials in monitoring the situation.

We will continue to share information to our community members and urge all residents to visit the following links for the latest information and guidance:


Greene County is an inclusive community where citizens and businesses benefit from a diversified economy, quality public services and a superior quality of life.
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IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS 2019 (COVID-19)

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Greene, Virginia does hereby find that:

1. The World Health Organization has declared Coronavirus 2019 (COVID19) a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; and

2. The World Health Organization declared the spread of COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

3. The Governor of Virginia declared a State of Emergency on March 12, 2020 to prepare and coordinate Virginia’s response to the potential spread of COVID-19; and

4. The President of the United States declared a National Emergency on March 13, 2020; and

5. The threat to public health and safety to the residents of the County of Greene, Virginia posed by and resulting from the COVID-19 virus is of sufficient severity and magnitude to be an emergency as defined by Virginia Code Section 44-146.16.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County’s Director of Emergency Management, I hereby declare that a local emergency exists within the County of Greene. This declaration shall activate the County’s Emergency Operations Plan and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management and the Emergency Management organization and functions of the County of Greene shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions and approved plans of the County of Greene in order to mitigate the effects of said emergency.

This Declaration is effective upon my signature and shall remain in full force and effect until the Greene County Board of Supervisors considers the confirmation of this Declaration at its next regularly scheduled meeting. If the Greene County Board of Supervisors confirms this declaration, it shall remain in full force and effect until the Greene County Board of Supervisors determines that all necessary emergency actions have been taken and takes appropriate action to end the declared emergency by a majority vote taken at an open meeting, in accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Section 44-146.21(A).
In order to carry out the effect of this resolution, a sum of money, not to exceed $10,000 is hereby appropriated from the County’s unappropriated fund balance to cover the reasonable operational cost of Emergency Management functions and operations pending further report to this Board and such additional appropriations as shall be deemed necessary to cover the expected scope of this emergency.

The Board of Supervisors hereby confirms the Declaration of a Local Emergency as issued by the Director of Emergency Management on March 13, 2020.

ADOPTED BY THE GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON MARCH 24, 2020.

Motion:  
Second:  

Votes:  
Martin  
Durrer  
Bowman  
Herring  
Lamb  

William B. Martin, Chair  
Greene County Board of Supervisors  

Attest:  
Mark B. Taylor, County Administrator