

## EXECUTIVE ORDER

20-01

### DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

- WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, Maryland Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. proclaimed a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the entire State of Maryland pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the State Code, due to the impending threat and continuing impact of the contagious disease known as COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, On March 8, 2020, Harford County had its first confirmed case of COVID-19; and
- WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the Worldwide Health Organization declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a pandemic outbreak; and
- WHEREAS, On March 12, 2020, Governor Hogan issued an Executive Order directing that the head of each unit of State or local government may, upon a finding that the suspension will not endanger the public health, welfare or safety, and after notification to the Governor, suspend the effect of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time expiration, period of time, or other time of an act or event described within any State or local statute, rule or regulation it administers; and
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease, causing illness or death, transmitted by person-to-person contact of the novel coronavirus, which had not previously existed in humans; and
- WHEREAS, The novel coronavirus is a viral agent capable of causing extensive loss of life or serious disability; and
- WHEREAS, The transmission of the novel coronavirus in Harford County is a direct threat to the human health of all citizens of Harford County; and
- WHEREAS, COVID-19 poses an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Harford County.
- NOW, THEREFORE, I, Barry Glassman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Harford County, Maryland, and by the Maryland Constitution and the laws of Maryland, including but not limited to § 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Local State of Emergency Plan, do hereby proclaim and order on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020:

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1. That a State of Emergency and catastrophic health emergency exists in Harford County, Maryland.
2. That this Emergency Declaration shall be promptly publicized and a copy shall be filed with the Administrator of the County Council of Harford County.
3. That any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time expiration, period of time or other time of an act or event described within any Harford County Charter provision, ordinance, rule or regulation is hereby suspended.
4. That this suspension shall continue until the 30th day after the date by which the State of Emergency is terminated by the Governor, at which time, the period of any legal or procedural deadline, due date, time of default, time of expiration, period of time or time of an act or event shall resume.
5. That the County hereby requests and authorizes the receipt of all available Federal and State aid, resources and assistance to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Harford County pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and in accordance with all applicable State and local emergency plans.
6. That the Public Information Officer shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

GIVEN Under My Hand and the Great Seal of Harford County, Maryland, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2020.



Barry Glassman  
Harford County Executive

ATTEST:



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION