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**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**BY**

**THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL**

*WHEREAS, it appears that a public health emergency in the form of a communicable virus is affecting the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, and the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, The Governor of the State of South Carolina has declared a state of emergency to exist within the State of South Carolina and has proposed that proactive precautionary steps be taken in an effort to limit the spread of the disease; and*

*WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control is recommending that citizens take preventative measures up to including frequent washing of hands, limiting of group activities, and reducing certain activities to include social isolation as a means of reducing the spread of the disease.*

*NOW THEREFORE, I, Joe DeVito, Mayor, pursuant to Port Royal Municipal Code of Ordinance Chapter 7, do hereby declare the existence of a Local State of Emergency and hereby authorize the Town Manager to take such steps as may be determined to be necessary for the protection of life, property, and community of services.*

*I therefore direct that the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of said declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the Town.*

*IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Port Royal to be affixed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.*

Joe DeVito, Mayor

Attest:

Brooke Plank-Buccola, Clerk