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PROCLAMATION Re: REQUEST TO GOVERNOR

TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, WITH THE CONSENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, CALLING UPON GOVERNOR HENRY McMASTER TO ISSUE A MANDATORY STAY AT HOME ORDER FOR THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA FOR SUCH PERIOD OF TIME AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

WHEREAS, in December 2019, an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (*COVID-19*), was first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China, and has spread outside of China, across the world, including the United States; and,

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the Center for Disease Control (“*CDC*”) activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for the response to *COVID-19*; and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating the coronavirus, and,

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the Honorable Henry McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, issued Executive Order No. 2020-08 related to *COVID-19* and declared that a State of Emergency exists in South Carolina; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Mayor Joe DeVito and the Town of Port Royal declared a local state of emergency in the Town of Port Royal; and,

WHEREAS, *COVID-19* is now aggressively spreading across the state with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“*SCDHEC*”) confirming the localized person-to-person spread of *COVID-19* in South Carolina, which indicates a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to Town of Port Royal residents and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, research supported by several United States federal agencies, including the Department of Defense, reveals that *COVID-19* can be detected up to seventy-two (72) hours post-application on certain surfaces and that aerosol and fomite transmission of *COVID-19* are plausible; and,

WHEREAS, the health, safety and welfare of our residents, businesses, public spaces and private properties are being damaged by the spread of *COVID-19* throughout the area; and,

WHEREAS, it is vitally important that we all work together to decrease the widespread proliferation of COVID-19 among us all now rather than suffer the unfortunate and devastating consequences later; and,

WHEREAS, it is imperative that residents and non-residents of this great Town shelter at home, unless providing or requiring an essential service, remain at a safe distance of at least six (6) feet from others while in public, seek medical attention, if sick, via a telehealth service provider, continue to be vigilant with hand-washing, remain calm, and only purchase necessary supplies for immediate use; and,

WHEREAS, by taking such preventative measures to control outbreaks, we will minimize the risk to the public, maintain the health and safety of the people of South Carolina, and limit the spread of infection in our communities and within the health care delivery system; and,

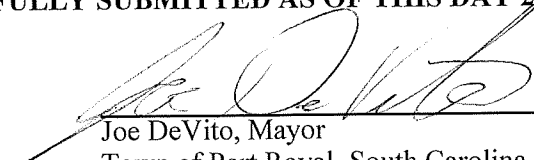
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 2-202 of the Town of Port Royal Code of Ordinances, the Mayor may take measures that are required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents, guests, and visitors to the Town of Port Royal; and,

WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the Mayor of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, with the consent of the undersigned Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, formally requests that the Honorable Henry D. McMaster issue an order requiring the all persons within the State of South Carolina to stay at home for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, unless providing or requiring an essential service, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, as a necessary and immediate step to try and protect the population of the State of South Carolina from a continued and increased risk of exposure.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF PORT ROYAL, SOUTH CAROLINA, with the consent of the undersigned Town Council of the Town of Port Royal, South Carolina, that the Town respectfully calls upon the Honorable Henry D. McMaster, Governor of South Carolina, to undertake and coordinate all necessary and reasonable activities for this emergency response to include the issuance of a mandatory stay-at-home order, unless providing or requiring an essential service, for the State of South Carolina for a minimum period of Fourteen (14) Days, or such other period as may be determined to be appropriate by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the population of the State of South Carolina.


THIS PROCLAMATION SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON ADOPTION.

SIGNED, SEALED, AND RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED AS OF THIS DAY 27TH OF MARCH, 2020.



Joe DeVito, Mayor
Town of Port Royal, South Carolina

ATTEST:



Brooke Plank-Buccola, Town Clerk
Town of Port Royal, South Carolina