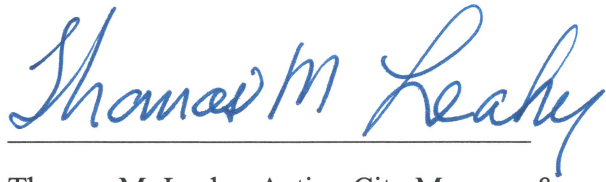


DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

I, the undersigned, as Acting City Manager and Director of Emergency Management for the City of Virginia Beach find the imminent threat posed by COVID-19 to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to better protect the health and safety of the City's residents and visitors.

Therefore, pursuant to Code of Virginia § 44-146.21, as amended, I hereby declare the existence of a Local Emergency in the City of Virginia Beach beginning March 13, 2020 at 1500 hours.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Office of Emergency Management and all other appropriate City 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 said Local Emergency.



Thomas M. Leahy, Acting City Manager &
Director of Emergency Management



(Date)