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DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY
COVID-19

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.21 gives a local government the ability to declare a state of emergency to protect its citizens from current and potential emergencies; and

WHEREAS, The spread SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) has been declared a world pandemic, and is a novel disease that has resulted in death to our most vulnerable populations such as the elderly and immune depressed; and

WHEREAS, President Joe Biden of the United States has declared the Continuation of the National Emergency Concerning the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic and this national emergency is set to expire as of now on February 24, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the State Health Commissioner declared COVID-19 a communicable disease of public health threat on February 7, 2020 and further declared on July 1, 2021 that a public health emergency continued to exist; and

WHEREAS, Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam's Executive Directive Number 18 issued on August 5, 2021, highlights the ongoing danger of COVID-19 to unvaccinated individuals; and

WHEREAS, in a Public Health Emergency Order dated August 12, 2021, the State Health Commissioner and Virginia Governor Ralph S. Northam found that a public health emergency due to COVID-19 continues to exist; and

WHEREAS, emerging data shows that the Delta variant is different than past versions of the virus and is much more contagious; and

WHEREAS, new cases and the positivity rate for COVID-19 in Carroll County continues to rise; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County continues to implement plans and provide information for its citizens with the aim of reducing exposure and lessening the impact on the community; and

WHEREAS, Guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends vaccination for all individuals twelve years old and older, and recommends that communities can reduce exposure by using good hygiene, by cleaning of high traffic areas, and by social distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it is now known that even fully vaccinated individuals may contract and also spread the emerging Delta variant to more vulnerable and unvaccinated populations, including those under the age of 12 and not yet eligible for vaccination; and

WHEREAS, Carroll County will continue to monitor the ever-changing situation, implement county plans, and provide information to the public to further mitigate the spread and enable its citizens to make informed decisions in responding to this emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, by the Carroll County Board of Supervisors that Carroll County declared to be under a State of Emergency this ___th day of September 2021.

Thomas W. Littrell, Chair