Expedited Consideration

A RESOLUTION No. 2021-R006

To consent to the Director of Emergency Management's declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond due to the potential for civil unrest to occur in the city of Richmond in light of the civil unrest that occurred in Washington, D. C., and state capitals across the United States on January 6, 2021.

Patron - Mayor Stoney and All Members of Council

Approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney

PUBLIC HEARING: JAN 11 2021 AT 6 P.M.

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, protesters unlawfully entered and damaged the United States Capitol building in Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, the actions of these protesters resulted in injuries to protesters and first responders, significant damage to property, and the occurrence of similar events in state capitals across the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 6, 2021, the Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order No. 75

(2021) declaring pursuant to sections 44-146.17 and 44-75.1 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as

amended, that a state of emergency exists as a result of instances of civil unrest occurring on

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January 6, 2021, to support requests for assistance from federal, state, and local jurisdictions surrounding Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Richmond, as the City's Director of Emergency Management, has declared a local emergency pursuant to section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, due to the potential, arising from the civil unrest that occurred on January 6, 2021, in Washington, D. C., and state capitals across the United States, for civil unrest in the city of Richmond in relation to the General Assembly's "Lobby Day" events beginning on January 18, 2021, at the Virginia State Capitol and the presidential inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D. C., on January 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Richmond desires now to consent, as required by section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, to the Mayor's declaration of this local emergency;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND:

That in accordance with section 44-146.21(A) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, the Council of the City of Richmond consents to the declaration made by the Mayor of the City of Richmond in his role as Director of Emergency Management that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond due to the potential, arising from the civil unrest that occurred on January 6, 2021, in Washington, D. C., and state capitals across the United States, for civil unrest in the city of Richmond in relation to the General Assembly's "Lobby Day" events beginning on January 18, 2021, at the Virginia State Capitol and the presidential inaugural ceremonies in Washington, D. C., on January 20, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That, for the avoidance of doubt, the Council, by consenting to the Mayor's declaration of such local emergency, has authorized the Mayor to exercise the powers set forth in section 44-146.21(C) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, during the period of such local emergency.

A TRUE COPY: TESTE: andin D. Ril

City Clerk