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Legislation Text

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To consent to the Director of Emergency Management's declaration that a local emergency exists in the city of Richmond due to the potential spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as "COVID-19."

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services determined pursuant to section 319 of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. § 247d (2018), that a public health emergency exists as a result of confirmed cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, the Governor of Virginia issued Executive Order No. 51 (2020) 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 the potential spread of this coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, pursuant to section 201 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1621 (2018), and section 501(b) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency as a result of the potential spread of this coronavirus; 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, as a result of the potential spread of this coronavirus; 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;; and

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 spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus known as “COVID-19.”

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.