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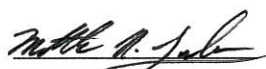
## **Declaration of Local Emergency Severe Weather Emergency and Storm Disaster Code of Virginia § 44-146.21**

Severe thunderstorms, with damage wind, heavy rain, and hail, are one of the nation's most common disasters. Around midnight between Wednesday, July 28 and Thursday, July 29, the Town of Scottsville experienced a sudden and severe thunderstorm. The entire town limits were affected. There was significant heavy rain which flooded several buildings. Large hail damaged vehicles, buildings, and crops. High winds damaged buildings and were especially damaging to trees and utility poles. Fallen trees blocked many roads and damaged buildings. The entire town lost power from midnight to 4pm Thursday, and again from 2am to 10am Friday when damaged substation equipment failed.

As the town administrator and director of emergency management for the Town of Scottsville, Virginia, I find the imminent threat to the public health and safety of the residents of Scottsville posed by and resulting from the severe weather to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to be an emergency, as defined in Virginia Code § 44-146.16, and to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate any potential damage, hardship, suffering, or possible loss of life.

Therefore, pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21, I hereby declare a Local Emergency in Scottsville, Virginia beginning Wednesday, July 28 at 11:00pm and ending Friday, July 30 at 5:00pm. This declaration is made retroactively due to the exigent nature of the emergency, including loss of power and telecommunications.

In accordance with this Declaration, the Town will participate in the Regional Emergency Operations Plan. The Town will furnish aid and assistance under the regional plan. All appropriate Town staff 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 the Local Emergency by providing emergency services and emergency assistance, and by taking emergency actions.

  
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Date