DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

Due to the severity of the worldwide spread of the COVID-19 virus and its threat to public health, on March 17, 2020, Sussex County faces a condition of extreme peril which necessitates the proclamation of the existence of an emergency in order to provide mitigation, preparedness, and activities to protect life and property; and

Whereas, Governor Ralph S. Northam declared a state of emergency effective as of March 12, 2020 until June 10, 2020 unless sooner amended or rescinded.

Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 44-146.21(a) of the Code of Virginia, I, Lawrence Hughes, acting as Director of Emergency Services for Sussex County, due to the inability of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors to convene prior to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus, declare the existence of a local emergency as of the below stated date and time.

DATE:

March <u>17</u>, 2020

Director of Emergency Management