

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 2020-01**  
**STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR**  
**THE TOWN OF HURLOCK FOR COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the disease known as COVID-19 is a severe respiratory disease that spreads easily from person to person and may result in serious illness or death;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a global pandemic;

WHEREAS, a Declaration of State of Emergency and Existence of a Catastrophic Health Emergency was declared by Governor Lawrence Hogan, Jr. of the State of Maryland on March 5, 2020;

WHEREAS, a Proclamation on Declaring a National Emergency Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Outbreak was issued by the President of the United States on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the County Council of Dorchester County issued an Emergency and Executive Order COVID-19 Public Health Emergency on March 16, 2020;

WHEREAS, as the COVID-19 outbreak and public safety emergency continues, it threatens the lives, health and property in the Town of Hurlock;

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code authorizes the principal executive officer of a political subdivision to declare a local state of emergency to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorizes the provision of aid and assistance under the applicable plans;

WHEREAS, Section 404(a) of the Charter for the Town of Hurlock authorizes the Mayor to declare for the Town of Hurlock when a formal emergency begins and ends;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Town of Hurlock wishes to declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Hurlock for COVID-19;

NOW THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL HENRY, Mayor of the Town of Hurlock, pursuant to my authority under the Charter of the Town of Hurlock, Maryland, and Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Maryland Annotated Code, do hereby issue this

State of Emergency Declaration for the Town of Hurlock for COVID-19 (“Emergency Declaration”) and order the following:

**THAT** the Town of Hurlock, its employees, servants, and agents are empowered to do all lawful acts and implement all lawful procedures considered necessary to prevent or alleviate the effects of the emergency;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT** all emergency powers of the Mayor and Council under the Charter for the Town of Hurlock and under State law are hereby enabled in accordance with all applicable State and local emergency plans;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT** the Town of Hurlock hereby requests and authorizes the receipt of all available Federal, State and local aid, resources, and assistance to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the Town of Hurlock pursuant to Title 14 of the Public Safety Article, Annotated Code of Maryland;

**AND BE IT FURTHER ORDERED THAT** this state of emergency shall be effective beginning immediately upon adoption and will continue until cancelled by order of the Mayor of the Town of Hurlock or by the Governor of Maryland, but in any event shall this state of emergency continue for more than 30 days without the affirmative vote of the Council of the Town of Hurlock.

ADOPTED/EFFECTIVE: March 27, 2020.

ATTEST:

  
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John Avery, Town Manager

  
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Michael Henry, Mayor