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PRESS RELEASE

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FROM: Dorchester County Council

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DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EXECUTIVE ORDER-COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

A Declaration of Local State of Emergency and Executive Order was issued in Dorchester County on March 23, 2020 in order to provide the County Council the necessary powers and resources to combat the threat the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak has on public health and the safety and welfare of our citizens.

This Declaration enables the emergency powers of the County Council under the County Charter and State law in accordance with applicable State and local emergency plans. Additionally, through its adoption, the County Council requests and authorizes the receipt of available Federal State aid, resources and assistance. The State of emergency will continue until cancelled by order of the County Council President or the Governor of Maryland and shall not continue for more than 30 days without the affirmative vote of the County Council.

The County Council is committed to ensuring that all County Departments and agencies work together to provide essential services to the citizens of Dorchester County. We ask for your patience during this public health emergency and encourage you to follow the recommended guidelines to ensure your safety and those of your fellow citizens.