RESOLUTION ENDING THE LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARED JANUARY 11, 2022 REGARDING THE CORONAVISUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, Virginia Code § 44-146.21 authorizes the declaration of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, by virtue of the authority vested in him by § 44-146.21, the City Manager, as the City's Director of Emergency Management, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency on January 11, 2022, in response to the imminent threat posed by the sudden and dramatic increase in Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases caused by the highly transmissible Omicron variant, the effects of which constituted a disaster as described in Virginia Code § 44-146.16; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting held on January 11, 2022, the Harrisonburg City Council adopted a resolution confirming the City Manager's declaration of a local emergency; and

WHEREAS, based on available data modeling from the Virginia Department of Health it appears that the dramatic spread of COVID-19 and its highly transmissible Omicron variant which warranted the declaration of a local emergency has subsided to an extent that as of March 1, 2022, it will no longer constitute a threat of substantial damage to property of injury or harm to the population; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has advised that based on the data and modeling from the Virginia Department of Health it is appropriate for City Council to end the declared emergency effective March 1, 2022, as contemplated under Virginia Code § 44-146.21; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA that pursuant to Virginia Code § 44-146.21 the Declaration of Local Emergency issued by the City Manager on January 11, 2022, be and is hereby declared **ENDED** effective on March 1, 2022.

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	MAYOR
ATTEST:	<u> </u>