

PUBLIC SAFETY ORDER

Date: August 8, 2018

**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN PREPARATION
FOR THE ANNIVERSARY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE UNITE THE RIGHT RALLY**

WHEREAS, the “Unite the Right” rally in Charlottesville on August 12, 2017 resulted in the large scale civil disorder and rioting in Downtown Charlottesville, leading to the deaths of local resident Heather Heyer and two Virginia State Police Officers; and

WHEREAS, anniversary demonstrations and protests are anticipated within the City of Charlottesville August 11-12, 2018, to an extent likely to result in substantial damage to property and injury to persons, constituting a disaster, as defined in § 44-146.16 of the *Code of Virginia* (“Disaster”); and

WHEREAS, the threat of the occurrence of the Disaster is or threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate potential damage and injury, and this declaration of local emergency is necessary in order for the City government to prepare for the Disaster, to alleviate any conditions resulting from the situation, and to implement recovery and mitigation operations and activities;

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by §44-146.21 of the *Code of Virginia*, as City Manager and as the City’s Director of Emergency Management, and the consent of City Council having been granted on August 6, 2018, I hereby declare that a local state of emergency exists within the City of Charlottesville. This declaration shall activate the City’s local emergency operations plan and authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance thereunder.

Further, pursuant to §44-146.21 of the *Code of Virginia*, this declaration shall authorize the Director of Emergency Management to control, restrict, allocate or regulate the use, sale, production and distribution of food, fuel, clothing and other commodities, materials, goods, services and resource systems which fall only within the boundaries of the City of Charlottesville and which do not impact systems affecting adjoining or other political subdivisions; to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such threatened or actual disaster; to protect the health and safety of persons and property and provide emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster; to proceed without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (except mandatory constitutional requirements) pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, employment of temporary workers, rental of equipment, purchase of supplies and materials, and other expenditures of public funds (provided that, to the extent, if any that necessary expenditures exceed appropriations in the current approved budget, the City’s Director of Finance must verify that unobligated funds are available therefor).

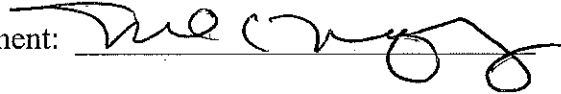
This declaration is effective upon my signature and shall remain in full force and in effect until the Charlottesville City Council, when in its judgment all necessary emergency actions have been taken, takes appropriate action to end the declared emergency, by majority vote taken within an open meeting, in accordance with the provisions of §44-146.21(A).

Given under my hand, this 8th day of August, 2018.

Signature:

Charlottesville Director of Emergency Management:

Michael C. Murphy, City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Murphy", written over a horizontal line.