

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF
EMERGENCY BY
THE TOWN OF HILTON HEAD ISLAND**

WHEREAS, it appears that a public health emergency in the form of a communicable virus is affecting the Town of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The rate of transmission of the communicable virus, particularly of the Delta variant, within the Town of Hilton Head Island and the greater Beaufort County area is such that it poses a direct and substantial detrimental impact to the community in the form of limiting availability of healthcare services, affecting bed space and ICU availability within local medical facilities, and, if not adequately addressed, may lead to an increase in fatalities caused by contraction of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control are recommending that citizens take preventative measures up to and including, getting appropriate dosing of an approved COVID-19 vaccine, the frequent washing of hands and use of hand sanitizing liquids, wearing of masks when in enclosed areas with other individuals particularly in areas with high vaccine transmission rates, and the practicing social distancing to the greatest extent possible as a means of reducing the spread of the disease; and

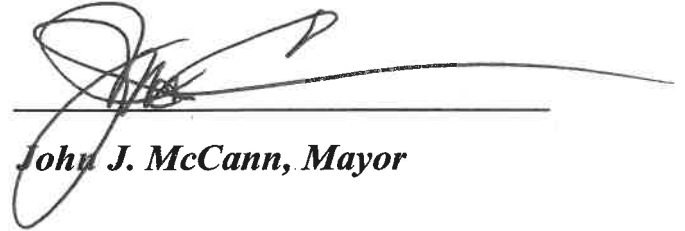
WHEREAS, according to data published by the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Beaufort County and the greater Lowcountry Public Health Region is experiencing a seven day moving average rate of new infections that meet or exceed the highest rates of new infections that were previously observed at any prior time during the pandemic inclusive of times when a State of Emergency was declared for the entire State of South Carolina.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John J. McCann, Mayor, pursuant to Hilton Head Island Municipal Code 7-7-20, do hereby declare the existence of a Local State of Emergency and hereby authorize the Town Manager to take such steps as may be determined to be necessary for the protection of life, property, and community of services.

I therefore direct that the Declaration of a Local State of Emergency shall

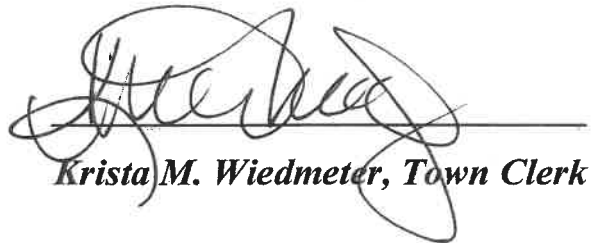
take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of said declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the Town.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal of the Town of Hilton Head Island to be affixed this 16th day of August, in the Year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty One.



John J. McCann, Mayor

Attest:



Krista M. Wiedmeter, Town Clerk

