

**TOWN OF SEABROOK ISLAND
DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY
ISSUED MARCH 17, 2020 – 12:00 PM**

WHEREAS, on January 23, 2020, the U.S Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) activated its Emergency Response System to provide ongoing support for response to a novel coronavirus identified as “COVID–19” that has infected large numbers of people in countries around the world with resulting illness and death; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency to assist with combating COVID-19, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Governor Henry McMaster declared a state of emergency in the State of South Carolina in response to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (“SCDHEC”) has confirmed the localized person-to-person spread of COVID–19 in South Carolina, indicating a significantly increasing risk of exposure and infection to residents of the Town of Seabrook Island and creating an extreme public health risk; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Seabrook Island attracts visitors from all over the world, including areas recognized by CDC as having widespread ongoing transmission of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, by taking measures to control outbreaks of COVID-19 minimizes the risk to the public, maintains the health and safety of the people of Seabrook Island, and limits the spread of infection in our communities and within the health care delivery system; and

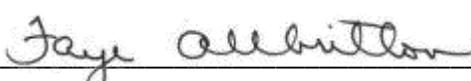
WHEREAS, in order to protect, preserve, and promote the general health, safety and welfare and the peace and order of the community, the Town of Seabrook Island is promoting and advising safe practices for residents and visitors, consistent with CDC and SCDHEC guidelines, and is taking steps to try to protect the citizens and employees of the Town from increased risk of exposure; and

WHEREAS, the Town is authorized to undertake and coordinate all necessary and reasonable activities for this emergency response, to take all appropriate action required to alleviate the effects of the COVID-19 public health emergency, including action following the guidelines of the CDC and SCDHEC, to aid in the delivery of essential public services, and to take any other lawful emergency response or action deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the Town of Seabrook Island;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Gregg, as Mayor of the Town of Seabrook Island, South Carolina, in consultation with the Town Council for the Town of Seabrook Island, and in furtherance of the public health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors to the Town, do hereby declare a state of emergency to exist in the Town of Seabrook Island, effective immediately, and hereby invoke the provisions of Section 2-27 of the Town Code for the Town of Seabrook Island. This declaration shall remain in effect until repealed by the Mayor or a majority of Town Council.

BY: 

John Gregg
Mayor, Town of Seabrook Island

ATTEST: 

Faye Allbritton
Town Clerk, Town of Seabrook Island