Declaration of Local Emergency and Disaster

Herndon, Virginia

WHEREAS, On January 22, 2026, Governor Abigail D. Spanberger declared a state of emergency in the Commonwealth of Virginia due to National Weather Service forecasts that indicate a severe winter storm with significant snow, along with sleet, ice, freezing rain, and temperatures below freezing for several days that could cause transportation difficulties and power outages; and

WHEREAS, The threat to public safety to the residents of the Town of Herndon from this situation constitutes an emergency of such sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a coordinated response by the various Town departments, agencies, and voluntary organizations; therefore, I hereby

DECLARE, as Emergency Management Coordinator for the Town of Herndon, Virginia that a local emergency exists in the Town of Herndon due to these weather conditions which will create the potential for an emergency that threatens to be of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant coordinated local government action to prevent or alleviate the damage, loss and hardship threatened pursuant Virginia code sec. 44-146.16, and shall remain in effect until the Town Council for the Town of Herndon takes appropriate action to end the declared emergency; and it is

FURTHER DECLARED that the Emergency Management Plan for the Town of Herndon is in effect and, and the powers, functions and duties therein described are in effect in order to mitigate the effects of this emergency and disaster.

January 24, 2026

Steven Pihonak, Chief of Police
Emergency Management Coordinator