

RESOLUTION NO. 372

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has enacted an act entitled the "Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 1973", which act is intended to ensure that the state and its political subdivisions will be adequately prepared to deal with emergencies resulting from attack, sabotage or other hostile action, resource shortage, fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural causes; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid act establishes a state Office of Emergency Preparedness, and requires that each political subdivision be responsible for local disaster preparedness and coordination of response, under the jurisdiction of the state Office of Emergency Services; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid act requires each political subdivision within the state to have a director of emergency services, who shall be the mayor or city manager and who shall have the authority to appoint a coordinator of emergency services activities with the consent of council; and

WHEREAS, the aforesaid act permits each political subdivision to maintain in accordance with state emergency preparedness plans and programs an office of emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly in conjunction with the aforesaid act repealed Chapter 3 of Title 44 of the Code of Virginia, pertaining to "Civil Defense", the provisions of that chapter having been superseded and broadened by the aforementioned Emergency Services and Disaster Law of 1973:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE
CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:

1. That there is hereby created the Office of Emergency Preparedness, which shall be responsible for disaster preparedness and coordination of response in the City of Alexandria.
2. The city manager of the City of Alexandria is hereby designated as the director of emergency services, and the director of general services of the City of Alexandria is hereby designated as ~~the~~ assistant director of emergency services.
3. That the resolution of this council of June 8, 1965, designating Albert M. Hair, Jr., as civil defense director and Eugene L. Barnwell as coordinator of civil defense, be and the same hereby is rescinded.
4. This resolution shall become effective the date of its final passage.

Adopted February 25, 1975

Mrs. Helen Vickers, Clerk of the
City of Alexandria, Virginia