

WHEREAS, certain information from water system operators and other pertinent sources indicates that the City of Alexandria is currently experiencing a severe water shortage which threatens the health, safety and welfare of the general population; and

WHEREAS, the shortage in the city's water supply is of such severity and magnitude as to warrant local government action to prevent or alleviate the hardship or suffering threatened or caused thereby; and

WHEREAS, the general population of the City of Alexandria has been urged to employ prudent restraint in water usage, and to conserve water voluntarily by whatever methods available; and

WHEREAS, such voluntary conservation measures have failed to appreciably alleviate the shortage in the city's water supply; and

WHEREAS, the city council has determined that mandatory restrictions or curtailments on uses of water are necessary to alleviate the shortage of water and lessen the hardships or suffering threatened thereby; and

WHEREAS, a declaration by the Governor of Virginia of a local emergency is a necessary prerequisite to the delegation of powers to local governing bodies enabling them to impose mandatory restrictions or curtailments on uses of water;

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

That the Governor of Virginia is hereby petitioned to exercise his lawful powers granted pursuant to Section 44-146.17 of the Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law and to declare a local emergency arising out of a shortage in the water supply of the City of Alexandria and, further, to delegate to the City Council of the City of Alexandria the power to implement such rules and regulations as may be necessary in its judgment to control, restrict, allocate or regulate the use and distribution of water within the City of Alexandria for the duration of the local emergency.

Adopted September 13, 1977

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