

**RESOLUTION NO. 637**

**DECLARATION TO CONTINUE LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND  
EXECUTIVE ORDER COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 14-111 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND**

**RECITALS:**

**WHEREAS**, due to the disease known as COVID-19 is a public health catastrophe and public emergency and poses an immediate danger to public safety;

**WHEREAS**, the President of the County Council serves as the principal executive officer of the County; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare a local state of emergency in order to activate the response and recovery aspects of any applicable local state of emergency plan and authorize the provision of aid and assistance under such plans.

**WHEREAS**, the President of the County Council by Resolution No. 624 declared that a State of Emergency be effective on March 23, 2020 to continue until cancelled by his order or by the Governor of Maryland but in any event shall not continue for more than 30 days without affirmative vote by the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland;

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland authorized emergency extensions of this State of Emergency in April, May, June, July and August 2020, October 2020, January 2021 and authorized the President of the County Council to execute the continuing resolutions of the emergency order;

**WHEREAS**, the County Council of Dorchester County, Maryland authorizes an extension of this State of Emergency until May 31, 2021 and authorizes the President of the County Council to execute this continuing resolution of the emergency order adopted by Resolution No. 636;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDERED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF DORCHESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND THAT** Dorchester County remains under a local state of emergency due to the disease COVID-19, caused by the novel coronavirus until May 31, 2021.

**EFFECTIVE:**

April 1, 2021

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF  
DORCHESTER COUNTY**

**ATTEST:**



Donna F. Lane, Acting County Manager



Jay L. Newcomb, President