City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

JULY 9, 2012

TO:

THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT:

RESOLUTION AFFIRMING LOCAL EMERGENCY DECLARATION

ISSUE: Resolution affirming Local Emergency Declaration for the June 29th "derecho" storm and ensuing widespread power outages combined with excessive heat.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the attached resolution (Attachment 1).

<u>DISCUSSION</u>: As a result of widespread power outages combined with excessive heat following the derecho that impacted Alexandria on June 30, 2012, I issued a Local Declaration of Emergency (Attachment 2) so that the City was positioned to take advantage of any State or federal assistance that might become available.

State law requires that City Council affirm my Local Emergency Declaration within 14 days. I recommend that Council adopt the resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Proposed Resolution

Attachment 2: Local Emergency Declaration

STAFF:

Ashley Ehrhart, Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2012, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, as a result of an extremely powerful "derecho" storm and ensuing widespread power outages combined with excessive heat, found that the City of Alexandria faced emergency conditions of peril to life and health which threatened and constituted a disaster, and made a Declaration of Local Emergency; and

WHEREAS, state law and the City code require that such Declaration of Local Emergency be approved and confirmed by City Council, as the governing body of the City of Alexandria, Virginia;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, that the Declaration of Local Emergency, dated June 30, 2012, at 7:00 a.m., extended on July 2, 2012, and expired on July 5, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., is approved and confirmed.

Adopted:		
ATTEST:	MAYOR	
Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC	City Clerk	

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

WHEREAS, the Director of Emergency Management of the City of Alexandria, Virginia finds that, due to widespread power outages and excessive heat, the City may face emergency conditions that imperil life and property of sufficient severity and magnitude to threaten or constitute an emergency;

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DECLARED, that a local emergency exists throughout the City of Alexandria; and

IT IS FURTHER DECLARED AND ORDERED, that during the existence of said emergency, the powers, functions and duties of the Director of Emergency Management shall be those prescribed by state law and the ordinances, resolutions and operations plans of the City of Alexandria, and that any actions taken under this declaration shall be directed at the prevention or mitigation of damage, loss, hardship or suffering threatened by, or resulting from, the emergency.

The declaration is effective June 30, 2012, at 7:00 a.m. and this declaration shall expire at 7:00 a.m. on July 2, 2012, unless extended or sooner terminated by the Director of Emergency Management in writing.

Due to continuing power outages and extreme heat, which threaten public health and safety, this declaration is hereby extended to Thursday, July 5, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Rashad M. Young, City Manager Director of Emergency Management

Attest:

City Clerk
City of Alexandria, Virginia

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Adopted: July 12, 2012

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR

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