PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YEMASSEE DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY IN RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS ("COVID-19"), EFFECTIVE MARCH 27, 2020

WHEREAS, the Governor of South Carolina, by Executive Order 2020-08 has declared that a state of emergency exists by virtue of the threat posed by the 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"); and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yemassee has taken, and must continue to take, all necessary and appropriate actions in proactively preparing for and promptly responding to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as cases of COVID-19 increase, causing an imminent threat to the citizens and visitors of Town of Yemassee, it is necessary for the Town to implement emergency planning for anticipated problems and prepare for emergency actions needed to confront the challenges of this public health emergency in conjunction with Emergency Management Departments of Beaufort & Hampton County; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, in accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws Title 5, Article 7 Section 250 and Town of Yemassee Code, Chapter 2, Section 120, the Town Council of the Town of Yemassee declares that a state of emergency exists, and that the threat thereof is imminent, and extraordinary emergency measures are deemed necessary to cope with the existing and anticipated situation.

This declaration shall remain in force until emergency conditions associated with COVID-19 have subsided and the emergency activities in Beaufort & Hampton County are no longer necessary to protect the life and property of our citizens, or upon the sixty-first (61st) day after the effective date of this emergency proclamation.

Effective the 27th day of March 2020, in the Town of Yemassee, Counties of Beaufort & Hampton, South Carolina.

Colin J Moore, Mayor

Matthew E Garnes, Town Clerk