EXECUTIVE ORDER FOR

DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY

Barbour County, West Virginia (August 31, 2021)

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2021, the remnants of Hurricane Ida are expected to pass directly over Barbour County possibly delivering as much as six inches of rain in less than twenty-four hours, in Barbour County, West Virginia; and

WHEREAS, this situation may cause considerable hardship for the citizens of Barbour County; and

WHEREAS, local government has the responsibility to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and to mitigate the effects of such events.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Susie Cvechko, Commission President, Barbour County Commission is issuing the Executive Order, by the authority vested in me by WV State Code Section 15-5-1 and WV State Code Section 15-5-8, do hereby declare a **LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY** exists in Barbour County for the period starting August 31, 2021 until further notice, and direct that:

- 1. The local Emergency Operations Plan, as approved by the Barbour County Commission, shall be fully executed to direct all local disaster and emergency response forces and operations in Barbour County.
- 2. The Director of Barbour County Emergency Services and Emergency Management under authorities provided in WV State Code Section 15-5-8, the local Emergency Operations Plan, and local orders or ordinances shall take immediate actions to protect public safety and direct the provision of such assistance as can be delivered from available local resources and shall coordinate the response of all local agencies that provide assistance in Barbour County.
- 3. All agencies in Barbour County shall cooperate to the fullest extent with the Director for Barbour County Emergency Services and Emergency Management and shall provide such assistance as may be requested or required for response to this emergency.
- 4. Under this State of Emergency, as provided in WV State Code Section 15-5, the County Commission may waive procedures and formalities otherwise required by the law pertaining to:
 - a.) Performance of public work;
 - b.) Entering into contracts;
 - c.) Incurring obligations;
 - d.) Employment of permanent or temporary workers;
 - e.) Utilization of volunteer workers;

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- f.) Rental of equipment;
- g.) Purchase and distribution of supplies, materials and facilities;
- h.) Appropriation and expenditure of public funds; and
- i.) The demolition and removal of damaged public and private structures.

Approved by Barbour County Commission

Susie Cvechko

President

Barbour County Commission