

RESOLUTION #2023-014

**DECLARATION OF LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY AND EXECUTIVE
ORDER – BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM**

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Public Safety Article Section 14-111 of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the principal executive officer of a political subdivision may declare a Local State of Emergency;

The President of the County Commissioners of Caroline County serves as the principal executive officer of the County;

On June 2, 2023, the Caroline County Zoning Administrator issued an Emergency Order for the immediate deactivation and removal of the Battery Energy Storage System (hereinafter “BESS”), located at 6435 Reliance Rd, Federalsburg, MD;

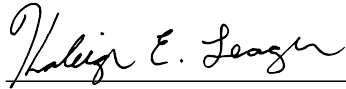
Said Emergency Order was based upon the fact that local emergency response agencies lack adequate equipment and personnel for emergencies, including, but not limited to, fires, which are reasonably anticipated to occur at such installations.

Simultaneously with the issuance of this Resolution, the County Commissioners of Caroline County have adopted Resolution # 2023-011, which adopts a temporary moratorium on BESS facilities in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY J. TRAVIS BREEDING, PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND, THAT:

A Local State of Emergency is declared to exist in Caroline County, and that the owners and operators of the BESS located at 6435 Reliance Road, Federalsburg, Maryland are ordered to immediately deactivate and remove the BESS, or in the alternative, to render the BESS inert. The Commissioners of Caroline County declare that this Local State of Emergency shall continue until terminated by subsequent declaration of the President or Resolution of the County Commissioners.

ADOPTED/EFFECTIVE:
June 20, 2023



Kaleigh Leager
Executive Assistant

(SEAL)

ATTEST:
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
CAROLINE COUNTY, MARYLAND



J. Travis Breeding, President

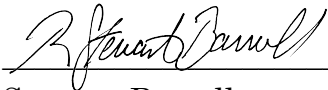


Larry C. Porter, Vice-President



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