RESOLUTION NO. 20 - 9

DECLARATION RESCINDING APRIL 1, 2020 RESTRICTION OF ALL NON-ESSENTIAL, SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN WEST OCEAN CITY, OCEAN PINES, AND OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS IN WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND RELATED TO COMBATING THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

WHEREAS, in accordance with the March 30, 2020 Stay-At-Home order issued by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan, restricting travel and other non-essential activities to stop the spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Worcester County Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 20-6 on April 1, 2020, declaring that no new occupants for non-essential, short-term rentals in West Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and all other unincorporated areas of Worcester County would be accepted until the Stay-At-Home order is lifted; and

WHEREAS, in response to recent actions by Governor Larry Hogan to lift the Stay-At-Home order effective May 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., the Worcester County Commissioners wish to terminate their earlier declaration restricting all non-essential, short-term rentals in all unincorporated areas of Worcester County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President of the County Commissioners of Worcester County, Maryland that:

1. Effective Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 5:00 p.m., the provisions of Resolution No. 20-6 adopted on April 1, 2020 which prohibited hotels, motels, and other lodging establishments or short-term rental properties (including properties rented directly or through third parties) from accepting any new occupants regardless of reservation date, or extending any existing reservation for current occupants other than for "Essential Lodgers", is repealed; and

2. Resolution No. 20-3, adopted by the Worcester County Commissioners on March 16, 2020, declaring an official State of Emergency and enacting the Worcester County Emergency Operations Plan for emergency responses in certain areas of Worcester County, Maryland (the "County") to protect those who live and work in the County throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, will remain in effect until after termination of the Maryland Governor's state of emergency and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of May, 2020.

ATTEST:

Kelly Shannahan
Assistant Chief Administrative Officer

FOR THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF WORCESTER COUNTY, MARYLAND

Joseph M. Mitrecic, President