WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared that a state of emergency exists with regard to the threat to the health of our people, throughout the nation; and,

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Governor of West Virginia declared that a state of emergency exists in West Virginia and its counties with regard to the threat posed by the novel coronavirus; and,

WHEREAS, the CDC has issued guidance to all state and local governments, and all citizens, recommending preparedness to prevent community spread and guard against the potential of a COVID-19 pandemic; and,

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

WHEREAS, the Upshur County Commission finds that the transmission of the novel coronavirus is a threat to human health in Upshur County and, in an effort to take every precaution and to prepare for the worst-case scenario; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Upshur County Commission finds and declares that, a local State of Emergency exists in Upshur County, West Virginia and hereby reserves the right to activate the Upshur County Emergency Operations Plan and activate the operation of the Upshur County Emergency Operations Center for the coordination of information and resources, at the discretion of the Commission President.

Reference is hereby made to all appropriate laws, statutes, ordinances and resolutions, and particularly to Chapter 15, Article 5 of the West Virginia Code.

This the 20th day of March, 2020.

Terry B. Cutright,
Commission President

Samuel R. Nolte
Commissioner

Kristie G. Tenney
Commissioner