



**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2024 - 005**

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
EMERGENCY DECLARATION  
COLLAPSE OF THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE**

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2024 at approximately 1:30 a.m., a vessel leaving the Port of Baltimore crashed into the Francis Scott Key Bridge (“the Key Bridge”), causing it to collapse into the Patapsco River;

**WHEREAS**, the Key Bridge traverses over parts of Baltimore, County, Maryland;

**WHEREAS**, on March 26, 2024, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared a state of by proclamation, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Public Safety § 14-107;

**WHEREAS**, I, John A. Olszewski, Jr., the duly elected County Executive for Baltimore County, Maryland, personally responded to site of the Key Bridge collapse and have personally observed the public safety impact that the bridge collapse has caused;

**WHEREAS**, State and federal assistance may be needed to protect public peace, health and safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the collapse of the Key Bridge is expected to severely impact the local economy and commerce as well as working families in the region; and

**WHEREAS**, resources are requested under applicable state and local emergency plans and may consist of personnel, equipment, use of facility space, and financial or other resources as needed for this emergency to support Baltimore County through the recovery from this incident.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED**, by the County Executive of Baltimore County, Maryland that, in accordance with the authority granted by the Charter and Laws of Baltimore County, Maryland including, but not limited to Section 3-1-503 of the Baltimore County Code, and pursuant to any and all granted by the Maryland Constitution and the Laws of Maryland, including but not limited to §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, **THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY EXISTS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND, AND**

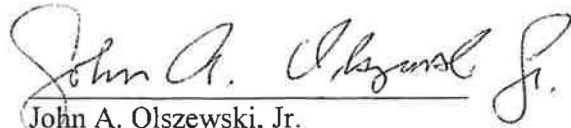
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:**

1. This Emergency Declaration shall be promptly publicized; and
2. A copy of the Emergency Declaration be filed with the chief local records-keeping agency; and
3. In the event that the state of emergency will continue beyond April 2, 2024, pursuant to the authority granted by Section 208(e) of the Baltimore County Charter, the County Council shall be called into emergency session to consider a resolution consenting to the continuation of the state of emergency, as required by §14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and Section 3-1-503(d) of the Baltimore County Code.

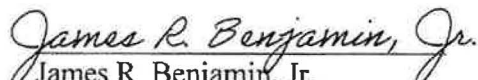
**NOW THEREFORE**, Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State law, the Baltimore County Charter, and laws of Baltimore County, I, John A. Olszewski Jr., Baltimore County Executive, hereby proclaim that a state of emergency exists in Baltimore County this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Dawn Kile  
Executive Secretary

  
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John A. Olszewski, Jr.  
County Executive

Reviewed for Form and Legal Sufficiency and Approved for Execution.

  
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James R. Benjamin, Jr.  
County Attorney