

# HOUSE SIMPLE RESOLUTION 1

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1 A House Simple Resolution concerning

2 **Implementation of Modified Procedures Due to COVID-19**

3 FOR the purpose of implementing modified procedures for the House of Delegates due to  
4 COVID-19.

5 WHEREAS, On March 5, 2020, Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. declared a state of  
6 emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State due to the spread of  
7 COVID-19; and

8 WHEREAS, The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the  
9 Maryland Department of Health have advised residents of the State to take precautions,  
10 including wearing masks and keeping at least six feet of distance from others, to slow the  
11 spread of COVID-19; and

12 WHEREAS, As of January 11, 2021, there have been over 309,600 confirmed cases  
13 of and over 6,100 confirmed deaths from COVID-19 in the State; and

14 WHEREAS, Hospitalizations due to COVID-19 have put a strain on the State's  
15 health care system, with the daily count of hospitalizations being over 1,600 since early  
16 December 2020; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, That, due to the spread of  
18 COVID-19, a state of emergency exists that necessitates the implementation of modified  
19 procedures to protect the health or safety of the members of the House of Delegates, their  
20 staff, and the public; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That Rules 119 through 122 of the House of Delegates Rules are in  
22 effect.

