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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## State of Emergency Declared for Carroll County

Westminster, Saturday, January 23, 2016 – Due to the severity of Winter Storm Jonas and the present blizzard conditions, Carroll County Commissioner Stephen A. Wantz, President, declared a Local State of Emergency in Carroll County, Maryland, beginning at 8:00 a.m. today, Saturday, January 23, 2016. The order authorizes agencies to activate the county's Emergency Operations Plans and take such actions as are necessary to protect lives during this emergency.

In order to protect the lives of citizens and facilitate the movement of emergency vehicles, all individuals are requested to refrain from operating vehicles on any county-owned or maintained road until the state of emergency is terminated by Commissioner Wantz.

"I am activating the Local State of Emergency because the winter storm is challenging our public resources," said Commissioner Wantz. "Our utmost concern is for the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Carroll County and this emergency declaration will facilitate our response and the deployment and sharing of resources. We ask our citizens to stay home and stay off the roads during this winter storm."

County officials emphasize that in the case of an emergency; citizens should call 911 and not travel in personal vehicles.

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## CARROLL COUNTY

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978 or MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258 as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.