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DIVISION OF ANIMAL AND FOOD INDUSTRY SERVICES  
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**VESICULAR STOMATITIS PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, Vesicular stomatitis is an infectious viral disease that primarily affects horses, cattle and swine, and

WHEREAS, Vesicular stomatitis exists in other states and other nations, and the transporting of infected animals from these states or nations could spread that disease among susceptible domestic animals in the Commonwealth, and

WHEREAS, There are reasonable restrictions the State Veterinarian can impose in order to prevent vesicular stomatitis from entering the Commonwealth and

WHEREAS, The State Veterinarian has authority to initiate such measures as necessary to protect all segments of the livestock industries against contagious and infectious diseases, then

Pursuant to the authority of Chapter 60 of the Code of Virginia, §§3.2-6001, 6002, 6008, and 6010, I am hereby, effective this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, placing an interstate/international quarantine order with respect to vesicular stomatitis, incorporating the foregoing recitals into this Order. This order establishes the following restrictions and conditions:

1. No hooved animals may enter the Commonwealth of Virginia which originate from a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed and that county contains a premises currently quarantined for vesicular stomatitis.
2. All hooved animals entering the Commonwealth of Virginia from a state in which vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed since January 1, 2009 shall be examined by an accredited veterinarian to determine whether they are free from signs of vesicular stomatitis within 5 days prior to arrival into the Commonwealth of Virginia, and shall be accompanied by a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection upon which the animals are identified by any official USDA approved identification and bearing the following written statement signed by that accredited veterinarian:  
  
"All animals identified on this Certificate of Veterinary Inspection have been examined by me and found to be free from signs of vesicular stomatitis. Owner provided history indicates that during the past 30 days, these animals have neither been exposed to vesicular stomatitis nor been located within a county where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed and currently contains a premises quarantined for vesicular stomatitis."
3. Hooved animals destined for Virginia from a foreign country where vesicular stomatitis has been diagnosed, will be quarantined at a port of entry designated by USDA/APHIS, and upon release from quarantine, may enter the Commonwealth.

This proclamation shall remain in effect until rescinded by written notice from this office.

Signed by:

/s/

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State Veterinarian

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Effective: July 7, 2009