**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS,** (*describe the emergency event including specific imminent or actual threats posed to the public health, welfare, and safety of the jurisdiction*)**;** and

**WHEREAS,** as a result of the above-described emergency I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property; and

**WHEREAS,** declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the (*Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or other official title*) of (*name of jurisdiction*) under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter (*chapter number/title of local emergency ordinance*) of the (*name of jurisdiction*) Code of Ordinances:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of (*name of jurisdiction. For county declarations, if Mayors within the county request that their municipalities be included in a county declaration, include the names of those municipalities in this section and specify that the municipalities are included with the consent of the Mayors; note that a county declaration cannot apply within municipal jurisdictional limits except upon the request of the Mayor*).

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be (*choose between the entire jurisdiction or a specified geographic area within the jurisdiction; if no geographic area is specified, the entire jurisdiction is automatically covered).*

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed: *(choose the restrictions and prohibitions deemed necessary; do not include those that are not deemed necessary. If no restrictions or prohibitions are deemed necessary, delete this section and renumber the remaining sections accordingly)*

A. **Evacuation**: *(indicate whether evacuation is voluntary or mandatory, describe areas of jurisdiction to be evacuated and state times and dates for evacuation; include categories of essential personnel not subject to evacuation order)*

B. **Curfew**: *(describe areas of jurisdiction under curfew and specify times during which curfew is in effect; include categories of essential personnel, if any, not subject to curfew)*

C. **Restricted Access**: *(describe areas of jurisdiction under restricted access or limited entry; include categories of essential personnel, if any, not subject to restriction)*

D. **Business Operations**: *(describe limitations on operations of businesses and commercial establishments, such as restricted hours of operation)*

E. **Alcohol**: *(describe restrictions on the possession, transportation, sale, purchase, and consumption of alcoholic beverages)*

F. **Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline**: *(describe restrictions on the possession, transportation, sale, purchase, storage, and use of dangerous weapons and substances, and gasoline) NOTE: Be sure to include the following language to ensure that restrictions on dangerous weapons are compliant with state law:* This prohibition does not apply to the lawful possession, transportation, sale, purchase, storage, and use of firearms (defined as handguns, rifles, and shotguns) or ammunition.

G. **Other**: *(describe any other restrictions or prohibitions on other activities or conditions the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives or property during the state of emergency)*

**Section 4**. I hereby order all (*county/city*) law enforcement officers, employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the (*name of jurisdiction*) Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 5.** I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the (*jurisdiction’s governing board*) and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

**Section 6.** This declaration shall take effect on (*date*) at (*time*), and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED**

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(Mayor, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, or other official title)

**ATTEST**:

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Clerk

(*NOTE: Notarization is not required)*