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## County of Surry

### Declaration of a State of Emergency

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to the global spread of the virus and the disease it causes, the World Health Organization has declared COVID-19 outbreak a Pandemic; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 13, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020 the State of North Carolina, through the Office of the Governor, Roy Cooper, issued Executive Order No. 116 titled "Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19"; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-

19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Surry County remain safe and secure; 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 life, property, and government stability; and

**WHEREAS**, the County and its infrastructure of government, public safety organizations, public health, medical communities, school systems, and all other County agencies will coordinate with CDC, State, and Federal government response agencies to manage, and resolve the potential of COVID-19.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the County Board of Commissioners, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 30 of the Surry County Code of Ordinances, Emergency Management:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the County of Surry as more particularly described in Section 2.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be:

- All areas within the jurisdiction of Surry County.

**Section 3.** The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

- Residents or visitors are to adhere to guidance given by Surry County Health and Nutrition Center.
- All mass gatherings should remain in compliance with recommendations set forth by NC Department of Health and Human Services.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to commandeer any building, facility, and/or equipment needed to manage the public and situational crisis.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to control equipment and supplies, in priority, to manage the incident or crisis.
- When necessary, the Board reserves the right to limit entry into the County.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to impose a curfew.

- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to restrict business operations as needed.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to prohibit price gouging
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to establish, and control restricted access.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to restrict or control alcohol sales and consumption.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to control the possession, transportation, sale, purchase, storage and use of gasoline.
- The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to impose prohibitions or restrictions permitted by sections 30.21, 30.22, 30.23, 30.24, 30.25, 30.26 and 30.27 of The Surry County Code of Ordinances.

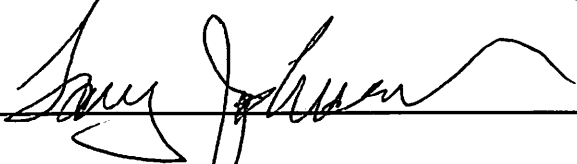
**Section 4.** I hereby order all Surry County law enforcement agencies, officers and employees, and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control, to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Surry County 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 Surry County Board of Commissioners; (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration; and (d) posted at the Surry County Courthouse.

**Section 6.** This Declaration shall take effect on December 6, 2020 at 7:19 p.m. hours and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

COUNTY of SURRY

DECLARED this the 12-6-20 (date) at 7:19 p.m. (time)



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Chairman, Surry County Board of Commissioners