



PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY GUILFORD COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory disease caused by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, that can result in serious illness and/or death and is a new strain of coronavirus not previously identified in humans and can spread easily from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 both globally and within the United States and has advised that person-to-person spread will continue to occur; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, on January 31, 2020, declared a public health emergency for the United States due to the COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 within the state; and

WHEREAS, Roy Cooper, the Governor of the State of North Carolina, declared a state of emergency for the entire state, effective March 10, 2020, due to the continued and ongoing threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described public health emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, isolated or potentially widespread illnesses within the population of Guilford County; 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 Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners of Guilford County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article II of Chapter 7.5 of the Guilford County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Guilford County.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be *the entirety of Guilford County*.

Section 3. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A-19.31, Guilford County can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants;

Section 4. I hereby request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within Guilford County follow any and all directives and recommendations set forth by the North Carolina Governor's Office, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Guilford County Department of Public Health.

Section 5. I hereby order all Guilford County 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 Guilford County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 6. 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 Board of County Commissioners; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 7. This declaration shall take effect on March 13, 2020 at 5:00PM, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 13th day of March 2020.


Chairperson of the County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



