DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
Amended April 6, 2020

WHEREAS the State of North Carolina has been working in close collaboration with the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and with the United States Health and Human Services Agency to monitor and plan for the potential for an outbreak of respiratory illness due to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19), in the United States; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, the Board of County Commissioners 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 public safety authorities will be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives 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 Board Chairman of Northampton County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes the County Board of Commissioners have determined that a State of Emergency exists in the County of Northampton.

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the unincorporated areas of Northampton County as more described in Section 2.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be (check box):

☑ All areas within the jurisdiction of THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed (check all that apply):

☑ Restricted Access: CITIZENS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO CONDUCT ALL COUNTY BUSINESS VIA PHONE OR BY SPECIAL APPOINTMENT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CITIZENS WITH PARTICULAR QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT WITH WHICH HE OR SHE HAS BUSINESS
Business Operations: COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS STILL OPERATING BUT STAFF WILL CLEAN AND SANITIZE FACILITIES AS NECESSARY.

Curfew: EFFECTIVE APRIL 7, 2020 AT 9:00 P.M. A GENERAL CURFEW IS HEREBY ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT ALL AREAS OF NORTHAMPTON COUNTY. THE CURFEW WILL BE IN EFFECT DAILY FROM 9:00 P.M. TO 6:00 A.M., AND EXTENDING THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATES OF THE GOVERNOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER (EXECUTIVE ORDER 121) AND ANY EXTENSIONS ENACTED FOR THAT ORDER FOR ALL PERSONS. DURING SUCH CURFEW, ALL PERSONS EXCEPT FOR THOSE WHO ARE EXPRESSLY EXEMPT AS ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES OR OPERATIONS AS IDENTIFIED WITHIN THE GOVERNOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER, SHALL NOT BE OR TRAVEL UPON ANY PUBLIC STREET, ALLEY OR ROADWAY OR UPON PUBLIC PROPERTY, UNLESS IN SEARCH OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, FOOD OR OTHER COMMODITY OR SERVICE NECESSARY TO SUSTAIN THE WELL-BEING OF HIM/HERSELF OR HIS/HER FAMILY.

Other: CITIZENS ARE URGED TO STAY HOME IF POSSIBLE. CITIZENS ARE REMINDED NOT CALL 911 EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF ACTUAL EMERGENCIES.

Section 4. I hereby order all Northampton County law enforcement 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 Northampton 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 Northampton County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on April 7, 2020 at 9pm and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this day, April 6, 2020 at 6pm.

Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

County Manager