



TOWN OF WENDELL

NORTH CAROLINA

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE TOWN OF WENDELL, NORTH CAROLINA**

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

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 391 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners issues a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for Wake County on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States declared a national emergency on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, immediate attention is required to protect public health from the spread of the disease, reduce further damage, ensure public safety, and render emergency relief.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Wendell under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 2.42 of Chapter 2 of the Town of Wendell Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Wendell.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the Town's entire jurisdiction.

Section 3. I hereby order all Town of Wendell law enforcement officers and employees subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, county, state and federal laws, and the Crisis Communications section of the Town of Wendell Communications Plan.

Section 4. 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 Town of Wendell and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.



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DECLARED on this 17th day of March at 5:00 p.m.

Virginia R. Gray
Virginia R. Gray, Mayor

ATTEST:

Megan Howard
Megan Howard, Town Clerk