



**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY TO COORDINATE
RESPONSE AND PROTECTIVE ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE
SPREAD OF COVID-19
MARCH 17, 2020**

WHEREAS, the Town of Ayden is taking preemptive measures in light of the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described pandemic, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe danger for the health and safety of the public, and that authorities may be unable to maintain public order to afford adequate protection for lives; 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.

WHEREAS, in his March 10, 2020 State of Emergency Declaration for the State of North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper ordered all state and local government entities and agencies to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of his declaration and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (the "Plan").

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

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the entire corporate jurisdiction of the Town of Ayden.

Section 2. I hereby delegate to Steven L. Harrell, Town of Ayden Manager, authority granted to me for the purpose of implementing an emergency operations and response plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace of the Town of Ayden, NC.

Section 4. I hereby order all Town of Ayden 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 Town of Ayden 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

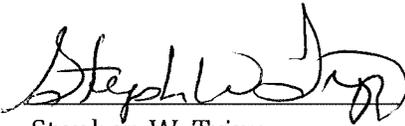
filed with Clerk to the Town of Ayden Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. Proclamations will be issued for curfew and other prohibitions and restrictions as merited by circumstances.

Section 7. This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020 at 6 a.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

ATTEST:




Stephen W. Tripp
Mayor


Sarah W. Radcliff
Town Clerk