



PROCLAIMING A STATE OF EMERGENCY ADDENDUM TO ENDORSE STAY-AT-HOME ORDER AND TO ENACT A PUBLIC SAFETY CURFEW (Daily 9pm-6am) BEGINNING APRIL 5, 2020 IN AN EFFORT TO MITIGATE THREAT AND SPREAD OF COVID-19 DISEASE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, the Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, NC, authorized and empowered by the County of Franklin, Code of Ordinances, under Article III of Chapter 10 and the Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, issued a public proclamation declaring the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Franklin and within the corporate limits of the Towns of Louisburg, Bunn, Youngsville and Franklinton, thereby taking immediate actions to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure residents and visitors remain safe and unharmed; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that has resulted in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, and this new strain of coronavirus, previously unidentified in humans, is a pandemic that is highly contagious and can spread without warning from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has confirmed multiple instances of community spread of COVID-19 within the state and encourages steps to suppress the virus, such as social distancing which is deemed critical; and

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Health Department has confirmed multiple instances of community spread of COVID-19 within Franklin County, and local and state officials must use all preventative and mitigation measures to mitigate the spread of the life-threatening disease; and

WHEREAS, based upon guidance from the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the NCDHHS, additional actions must be taken immediately to ensure optimal mitigation of COVID-19 and residents continue to remain safe and unharmed; and

WHEREAS, by reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this proclamation helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this proclamation is to ensure the maximum number of people possible are kept well, while enabling essential services to continue, and to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that I, Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman of the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to the authority vested in me under Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes and under Article III of Chapter 10 of the Franklin County Code of Ordinances, hereby declare the need for the following additional preventative and mitigation measures:

1. Following a statewide declaration by the N.C. Governor and/or a countywide declaration within Franklin County, endorse Stay-At-Home directives and recommendations as suggested by the CDC, NCDHHS and neighboring communities; and
2. Declare a public safety curfew be imposed within the County of Franklin, NC daily from 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m., beginning Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 9:00 p.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; and 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 (Executive Order 121), 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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued on March 16, 2020 is hereby reaffirmed and amended, and will continue, as set forth herein, within the jurisdiction of the County of Franklin, NC. This Addendum shall become effective beginning Sunday, April 5, 2020 at 9:00 p.m. and will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and may be revised, amended, extended accordingly, and based upon existing evidence and recommendations.

This the 3rd day of April, 2020.


Kristen G. King, Clerk




Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman