



## PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-Co-V-2 Virus. This is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans which can spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, the World Health Organization (“WHO”) declared COVID-19 as a Public Health Pandemic of International Concern on March 11, 2020. The United States Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”) has reported the high public health threat posed by COVID-19, both globally and to the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in this state; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management has activated the NC Emergency Operation Center to manage the health impacts of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, The Governor of the State of North Carolina, in consultation with the Secretary of the NCDHHS, has declared a State of Emergency as defined by the N.C. Gen. Stat. 166A-19.3(6) and 166A-19.3(19) for the State of North Carolina based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from the CDC and NCDHHS arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions that are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents in Franklin County remain safe and secure; and

**WHEREAS**, the spread of the disease poses an imminent threat to property in the County and in municipalities due to illness-related absenteeism, particularly among public safety personnel, healthcare personnel, and persons engaged in activities businesses critical to the economy and infrastructure of the County and its municipalities; and

**WHEREAS**, local and state health departments must use all preventative measures, which will require access to available services, personnel, equipment, and facilities to respond to COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Health Director has confirmed a public health threat due to the confirmed spread of COVID-19;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of the NCGS Chapter 166A, Article 36A of NCGS Chapter 14, and the Franklin County Emergency Management Ordinance, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim a State of Emergency exists within the County of Franklin, NC and within the corporate limits of the Towns of Louisburg, Bunn, Youngsville and Franklinton; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board further proclaims that the Emergency Operation Plan adopted by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All Emergency Management personnel and county employees are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the County's Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

The Board directs that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in all public buildings as appropriate.

This Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

**PROCLAIMED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

  
Kristen G. King, Clerk



  
Sidney E. Dunston, Chairman