



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF YADKIN

**DECLARATION OF A
STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The following Declaration is issued by the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease- 2019 (COVID-19) is a disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, but with a significantly higher rate of death, particularly among those who are elderly or medically vulnerable;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is believed to have begun in Wuhan, China in late 2019 the first case was detected in the United States on January 21, 2020 and the first case was confirmed in North Carolina on March 3, 2020;

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary, Alex M. Azar, II declared COVID-19 to be a public health emergency in the United States under Section 319 of the Public Health Services Act;

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 March 13, 2020, the President of the United States Declared a National Emergency to provide federal resources to combat COVID-19; and

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

WHEREAS, on March 16 2020 President Trump and Governor Cooper have continued to announce and enforce further restrictions in order to combat the spread of

the virus in order to give scientists and experts time to find medical solutions before our health care systems becomes overburdened;

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 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 prosed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professional 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 Yadkin County remain safe and secure;

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

WHEREAS, in many areas battling COVID-19, there is a severe shortage of medical supplies for health care workers and basic equipment to help the public avoid transmitting the disease;

WHEREAS, many individuals who contract the virus display no symptoms or have mild symptoms which means they may not be aware they carry the virus. People without symptoms can transmit the disease, and because evidence shows the disease is easily spread, mass gatherings can result in further transmission of the virus;

WHEREAS, until the state or federal government or private companies can implement better testing or develop an effective treatment, restricting movement is the best practice to slow the transmission of COVID-19;

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 Yadkin County Human Services Director has confirmed a public health threat due to the confirmed spread of COVID-19; and

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1A of N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 166A Article 36A of the N.C. Gen. Stat. Chapter 12, and Article II of the Yadkin County Codified Ordinances, I Kevin Austin, Chairman of the Yadkin County

Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare that a **STATE OF EMERGENCY** exists within the County of Yadkin.

I further declare that the ordinances set forth below, which are contained in Chapter 12 of the Yadkin County Ordinances, are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, services, and protection of lives, safety and property during this emergency. I hereby order all county employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency management ordinances set forth below.

I further declare that the Emergency Operation Plan adopted by the County of Yadkin, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this Declaration is rescinded. All emergency management personnel subject to my control are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

I hereby delegate to the Yadkin County Manager all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Article 1A of Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina Statutes, and Chapter 12 Article II of the Yadkin County Codified Ordinances, for the purpose of implementing the referenced Emergency Operation Plan, and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of those dwelling in the County.

I direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of the Declaration be posted at the Yadkin County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

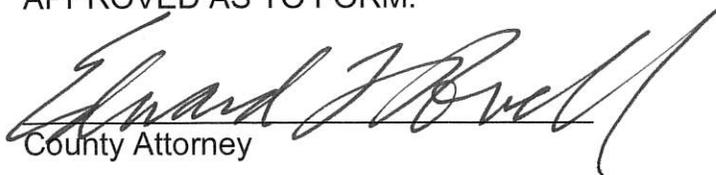
This Declaration shall become effective immediately upon endorsement and shall continue until rescinded pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 166A-19.23(c).

DECLARED this the 31 day of MARCH 2020



Kevin Austin Chairman
Yadkin County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



County Attorney