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WARREN COUNTY DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID -19) PANDEMIC

WHEREAS, Warren County expects to receive public health impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic

WHEREAS, as a result of the above described emergency, on Friday, March 13, 2020, a National State of Emergency was issued for the COVID-19 Pandemic, and on March 10, 2020, North Carolina declared a State of Emergency to coordinate the State's response and protective actions to address the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and on March 14, 2020, the State of North Carolina Executive Order No. 117, Prohibiting mass gatherings and directing the statewide closure of K-12 Public Schools to limit the spread of COVID-19; and impacts of COVID-19 could be inclusive of, but not limited to, increasing volumes of COVID-19 patients, additional demands on Emergency Services, through the continued need for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and decontamination solutions, workforce exposure to suspected patients and great demands placed on medical providers, Health Department, Law Enforcement, and Schools which could result in extended work hours for all County staff and impacted agencies having jurisdiction within the boundaries of Warren County. These overall impacts could be Countywide.

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described disaster, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe disruption to County services or other damage, injury, severe illness or possible loss of life.

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.

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NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Warren County, North Carolina under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes (NC GS 166A-19.3(19) and the Warren County State of Emergency Ordinance:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Warren County, North Carolina, and by the request of the mayors or their appointed representatives of the Towns of Norlina, and Macon.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be Warren County, North Carolina, to include the Towns of Norlina, and Macon.

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:

A. Emergency Operations Center: I have determined that, in the best interest of public safety and protection, it is necessary to open the County Emergency Operations Center.

B. Execution of Emergency Plan: All civilians and Emergency Management personnel are ordered to comply with the emergency plan.

C. Control Measures: Control Measures could be placed in effect immediately to implement plans for the prevention of, preparation for, response to and recovery from any and all emergency situations that may result from the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. These Control Measures will be coordinated with the federal, state and local agencies for the orderly protection, treatment and rehabilitation of affected persons.

Section 4. I hereby order all Warren County, Department of Health, law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel and County departments 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 Warren County 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 Board of Commissioners of Warren County and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on Sunday, 15th day of March at 2:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 15th day of March at 2:00 p.m.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tare Davis".

Tare Davis, Chairman
Warren County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angelena Kearney-Dunlap".

Angelena Kearney-Dunlap, Clerk