

## DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS** the novel coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a new disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, but with markedly higher rates of death, particularly among the elderly and medically vulnerable populations;

**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;

**WHEREAS** on March 10, 2020, in order to address and mitigate the threat of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina;

**WHEREAS** on March 11, 2020, noting that COVID-19 had infected more than 118,000 people in 114 countries and had caused 4,291 deaths, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic;

**WHEREAS** on March 12, 2020, the North Carolina State Laboratory of Public Health stated that two Forsyth County residents tested presumptively positive for COVID-19;

**WHEREAS** on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of King under Article 1A of Chapter 14 and Chapter 166A-19.31 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 10-31 City of King Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare and proclaim the following:

**Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the City of King.

**Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be within the corporate limits of the City of King.

**Section 3.** In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A – 19.31, the City of King can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants. At this time there are no restrictions.

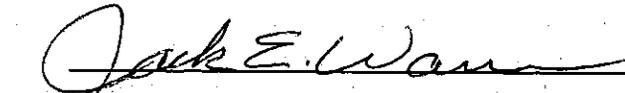
**Section 4.** I, hereby, request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within the City of King follow any and all directives and recommendations set forth by the North Carolina Governor's office, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Stokes or Forsyth County Department of Public Health.

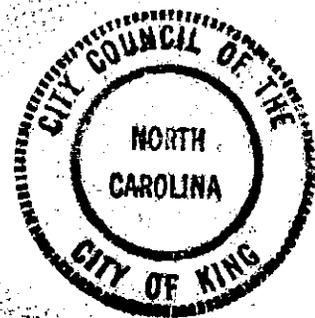
**Section 5.** I hereby order all City of King law enforcement officers, emergency response personnel, and all other city employees subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the City of King Emergency Operations Plan.

**Section 6.** 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 City of King and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

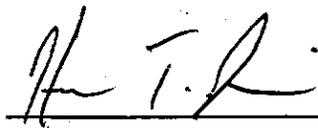
**Section 7.** This declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:30 am and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

**DECLARED** this the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2020, at 8:30 am.

  
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Jack E. Warren,  
Mayor, City of King



**ATTEST:**

  
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Homer T. Dearmin  
City Manager, City of King