



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 26, Article II of the Halifax County Code of Ordinances, and G.S. 166A-19.22, I have determined that an emergency exists in the County of Halifax because of the imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property imposed by **COVID-19**; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described emergency, I have determined that public safety authorities will 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 Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Halifax County:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the unincorporated areas of Halifax County as more particularly described in Section 2.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be (*check box*):

- All areas within the jurisdiction of **THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF HALIFAX COUNTY.**

Section 3. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed (*check all that apply*):

- Evacuation:** N/A
- Curfew:** N/A
- Restricted Access:** ACCESS WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ALL COUNTY BUILDINGS. CITIZENS ARE STRONGLY URGED TO CONDUCT ALL COUNTY BUSINESS VIA INTERNET OR PHONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. CITIZENS WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS SHOULD CONTACT THE DEPARTMENT WITH WHICH HE/SHE HAS BUSINESS.
- Business Operations:** COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS STILL OPERATING, BUT DURING RESTRICTED ACCESS STAFF WILL BE USING THIS TIME TO CLEAN AND SANITIZE FACILITIES.
- Alcohol:** N/A

Dangerous Weapons & Gasoline: Except for lawfully possessed firearms (handgun, rifle, or shotgun) and ammunition. THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL STILL BE ISSUING PISTOL PERMITS PER NORMAL PROCEDURES. CALLS FOR SERVICE ALSO OPERATING UNDER NORMAL PROCEDURES WITH DEPUTY RESPONSE.

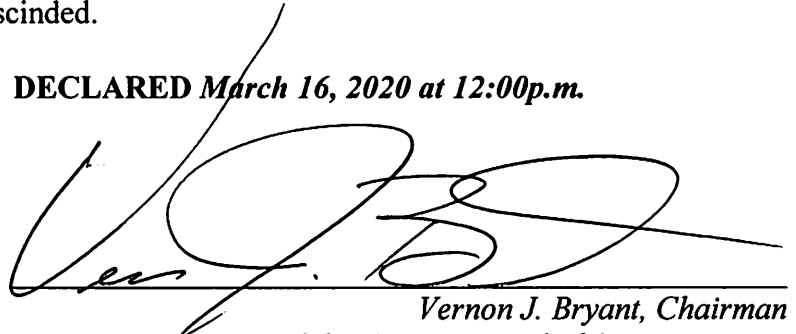
Other: CITIZENS ARE URGED TO STAY HOME IF POSSIBLE. HALIFAX COUNTY HAS NO KNOWN CASES. THESE RESTRICTIONS ARE DESIGNED TO KEEP HALIFAX COUNTY FREE OF THE VIRUS. CITIZENS ARE REMINDED NOT TO CALL 911 EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF ACTUAL EMERGENCIES.

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

Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on *March 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.*, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED *March 16, 2020 at 12:00p.m.*



Vernon J. Bryant, Chairman
Halifax County Board of Commissioners