

NORTH CAROLINA)
DAVIDSON COUNTY)

DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that causes flu-like symptoms, but with markedly higher rates of death, particularly among the elderly and medically vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, in response to the global spread of coronavirus and the COVID-19 disease it causes, the World Health Organizations has declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to areas designated by the CDC; the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19; and

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 issued Executive Order No. 116 entitled “Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective actions to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19”; and

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

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in the State and the Davidson County Health Director has confirmed that a Davidson County resident has tested positive for COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in consultation with public health professionals and based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to combat the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that residents and visitors to Davidson County remain safe; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the Davidson County Board of Commissioners is authorized and empowered by §31.01(B) of the Davidson County, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances to issue a public proclamation declaring to all persons the existence of a state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to ensure the protection of lives, safety and property within the County that law enforcement and emergency personnel have authority to access local, state and federal resources to address the challenges presented by the spread of COVID-19, as is provided in Chapter 31 (*Emergency Management*) of the Davidson County, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, none of the emergency prohibitions or restrictions authorized by law and set out in §31.03 through §31.08 of the Davidson County, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances, are currently required by the current circumstances within the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Davidson County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 31, Emergency Management, of the Davidson County Code of Ordinances IT IS DECLARED:

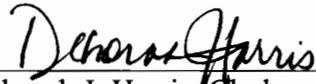
- 1) That a State of Emergency exists within the jurisdiction of Davidson County.
- 2) That the Emergency Operations Plan adopted by Davidson County and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect. All personnel identified in the Emergency Operations Plan 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.
- 3) That I hereby delegate to the Davidson County Manager, and/or his designee, 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 General Statutes and by Chapter 31 of the Davidson County, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances for the purpose of implementing the referenced Emergency Operations Plan and to take such other and further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of those dwelling in the County.
- 4) That none of the emergency prohibitions or restrictions authorized by law and set out in in §31.03 through §31.08 of the Davidson County, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances, are entered at this time.
- 5) That this Declaration is to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; filed with Clerk to the Davidson County Board of Commissioners; and distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration.
- 6) This Declaration shall take effect upon signing and shall remain in effect until such time as the proclamation is amended or rescinded in the same manner in which it was issued.

Declared this the 19th day of March, 2020 at 11:42 a.m.



Karen Watford, Chair
Davidson County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Deborah J. Harris, Clerk
Davidson County Board of Commissioners