

**PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
FOR THE CITY OF THOMASVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA**

**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 Organization 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 the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 16, 2020; 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 Donald J. Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a national emergency; 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 the City of Thomasville remain safe; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Thomasville is authorized and empowered by §30-3 of the City of Thomasville, 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 City of Thomasville 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 30 of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances; and

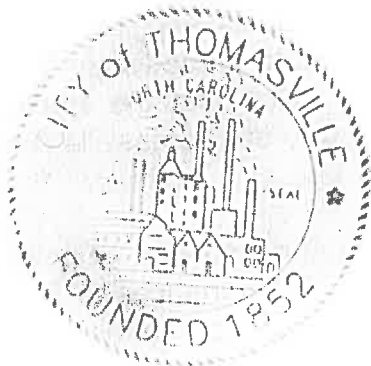
**WHEREAS**, none of the emergency prohibitions or restriction authorized by law and set out in Chapter 30 of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances, are currently required by the current circumstances within the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Thomasville under Article IA of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 30 of the City of Thomasville Code of Ordinances,

**IT IS PROCLAIMED:**

- 1) That a State of Emergency exists within the jurisdiction of the City of Thomasville; and
- 2) That none of the emergency prohibitions or restriction authorized by law and set out in Chapter 30 of the City of Thomasville, North Carolina, Code of Ordinances, are entered at this time; and
- 3) 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 the City Clerk; and distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Declaration; and
- 4) 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 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020, at 12:00 P.M.



*Raleigh York, Jr.*  
Raleigh York, Jr., Mayor  
Thomasville, North Carolina

ATTEST:

*Wendy S. Martin*  
Wendy S. Martin  
City Clerk