

PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY  
HOKE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA



**Whereas**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

**Whereas**, the impacts from COVID-19 constitute a State of Emergency as defined by the Hoke County State of Emergency Ordinance and North Carolina General Statute §166A-19.3 (6).

**I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Hoke.**

**Now therefore**, by the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Hoke County Board of Commissioners, I hereby order all County law enforcement officers, County employees and all other Emergency Management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of provisions of the County Emergency Ordinance which are set forth below.

1. **Evacuation.** No areas of Hoke County are designated for evacuation at this time.
2. **Curfew.** A curfew has not been implemented at this time.
3. **Execution of Emergency Plan.** All civilians and Emergency Management personnel are ordered to comply with the emergency plan.

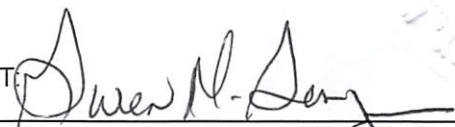
The County Manager is hereby authorized to make decisions regarding the closure of County buildings, limit access to County properties, cancellation of events or other decisions as needed during the State of Emergency. The County Manager is also hereby authorized to enter into financial transactions up to the amount of \$75,000 as needed during the State of Emergency.

This declaration does not prohibit or restrict lawfully possessed firearms or ammunition and does not impose any limitation on the consumption, transportation, sale or purchase of alcoholic beverages.

This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

Proclaimed this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020 at 8:00 (a.m.) (p.m.)

  
James A. Leach, Chairman  
HOKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST:   
Gwen McGougan, Clerk to the Board

