



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a serious communicable disease that has been found in North Carolina posing a unprecedented public health threat to the entire state and,

WHEREAS, a National Emergency has been proclaimed by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina has declared a statewide State of Emergency that closed schools, banned mass gatherings, and recommended social distancing to be practiced statewide and;

WHEREAS, as the Chowan County Control Group has met and are regularly receiving updates from Albemarle Regional Health Services regarding local health impacts,

WHEREAS, this declaration allows emergency managers to manage resources that assist with managing the situation until things return to normal.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chair of the Chowan County Board of Commissioners I hereby declare, pursuant to Article 19.20 of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Emergency Management Ordinance for Chowan County that a state of emergency as defined in Sections 19.3(6) and 19.3(19) of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes exists in Chowan County.

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Chowan County. This declaration, and the directives included within it, includes the unincorporated areas of Chowan County and with the consent of the Mayor of the Town of Edenton in the incorporated areas of the Town.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be Chowan County.

Section 3. Mass gatherings in Chowan County are prohibited.

Mass gathering limitations will be defined by the Governor of North Carolina or the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) based on the most current guidance.

Section 4. I hereby order all Chowan 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 Chowan 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 Chowan County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

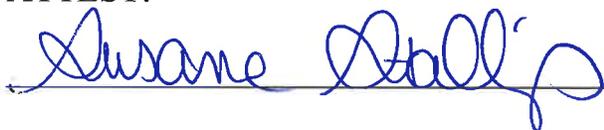
Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020 at 9:00am, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED



Patti F. Kersey
Chair, Chowan County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Susanne Stallings,
Chowan County Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

To be completed when rescinded:

WHEREAS, this declaration is hereby rescinded effective today, _____ (date) at _____ (time).

Patti F. Kersey, Chair

Susanne Stallings, Clerk