

COUNTY OF CURRITUCK

DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has proclaimed a National Emergency and the Governor of North Carolina has declared a statewide State of Emergency closing schools, banning mass gatherings, and recommending social distancing; and

WHEREAS, Albemarle Regional Health Services has recommended that due to possible impacts of COVID-19 Currituck County should declare a state of emergency in response to the danger imposed by the highly communicable disease,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Currituck County under Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 6 (Emergency Management) of the Currituck County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Currituck County.

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

Section 3. Mass gatherings in Currituck County are prohibited.

A mass gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than fifty (50) persons in a single room or single space at the same time, such as and auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space, this includes parades, fairs and festivals.

A mass gathering does not include normal operations at medical facilities, grocery stores, shopping centers, office environments, or other retail establishments.

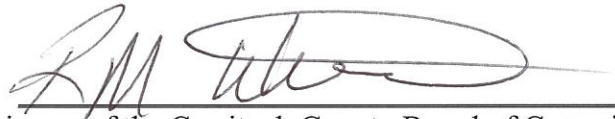
Section 4. Travel Restrictions – Visitor and Non-Resident Property Owner access to the Currituck Outer Banks is restricted beginning Saturday, March 20 at 10:00 p.m. Permanent residents, and non-resident employees of Currituck County businesses may enter the Currituck Outer Banks.

Section 5. I hereby order all Currituck 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 Currituck County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 6. 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 Currituck County and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

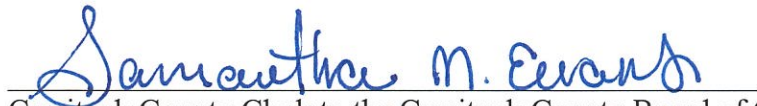
Section 7. This declaration shall take effect on March 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED



Chairman of the Currituck County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Currituck County Clerk to the Currituck County Board of Commissioners

Deputy

