



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 Dare County Control Group met and were apprised of the local public health impacts by the Dare County Public Health Director,

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Southern Shores I hereby declare, pursuant to Town of Southern Shores Emergency Management Ordinance (Chapter 12) and Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, and based on recommendations of the Dare County Emergency Management Control Group, I have determined that a State of Emergency exists in the Town of Southern Shores.

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the Town of Southern Shores. I hereby order all Town of Southern Shores law enforcement officers, Town employees and all other Emergency Management Personnel subject to Town control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of provision of this Declaration set forth below.

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be the Town of Southern Shores.

Section 3. Mass gatherings in Southern Shores 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 an 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 airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where more than fifty (50) persons are gathered. It also does not include office environments, restaurants, factories, grocery stores or other retail establishments.

Section 4. I hereby order all Southern Shores 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 Southern Shore's 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 Town Clerk of Southern Shores, 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 16, 2020 at noon, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.



DECLARED

Thomas G. Bennett

Mayor, Town of Southern Shores

ATTEST:

Heidi Han

Town Clerk