

**County of Vance  
Board of  
Commissioners**



**City of Henderson  
Office of the Mayor**



## **PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

The following Proclamation is issued by the Mayor of the City of Henderson and the Chairman of the Vance County Board of Commissioners:

**WHEREAS**, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death and is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans which can spread from person to person; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of North Carolina by Executive Order No. 116 declared a state of emergency to coordinate response to and take protective actions with regard to preventing the spread of COVID-19 within the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States, due to the spread of COVID-19, declared a national emergency under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act and corresponding regulations of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA"); and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, the Governor of the State of North Carolina by Executive Order No. 117 prohibited mass gatherings for thirty (30) days and directing the statewide closure of K-12 public schools to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the State of North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, at the time of this document's creation, neither the City of Henderson nor Vance County has any confirmed cases of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and more specifically N.C. Gen. Stat. §166A-19.22, authorizes counties and municipalities to declare a

state of emergency and exercise the powers and duties set forth therein to direct and aid in the response to and mitigation against emergencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the undersigned, in accordance with and on the basis of the foregoing, finds that an emergency exists within Vance County, North Carolina, and its municipalities, due to the rapid spread of COVID-19, and further finds that it is necessary and appropriate to exercise the authority cited hereinabove by issuing this Declaration in order to address said emergency and to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Vance County.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority contained in Article 1 of N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, Article 36A of N.C.G.S. Chapter 14, Title II Chapter 10-8 of the City of Henderson Code of Ordinances and Vance County Ordinance #17, *State of Emergency*, I, Eddie Ellington, Mayor of the City of Henderson, and I, Gordon Wilder, Chairman of the Vance County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim that a State of Emergency exists within the County of Vance, the City of Henderson, and all other municipalities and townships located within Vance County.

I further proclaim that the restrictions set forth below, pursuant to Article 1 of NCGS Chapter 166A, Title II Chapter 10-8 of the City of Henderson Code of Ordinances, and the Vance County Ordinance #17, *State of Emergency*, are necessary in order to maintain an acceptable level of public order, services, and protection of lives, safety and property during this emergency, and that the same shall be in effect within the City of Henderson, County of Vance and all municipalities and townships, until this Proclamation expires or is modified or rescinded. I hereby order all City and County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the emergency ordinances set forth below.

- A. General Emergency Protective and Control Measures and operations to support the same shall be implemented as determined to be necessary for the health, safety and protection of our citizens.
- B. General Recommendations: All persons residing or present within the jurisdiction are *highly encouraged* to comply with all recommendations of the CDC, the Surgeon General's Office of the United States, FEMA, NCDHHS, NCDPH, Vance Granville Public Health, and other public health, emergency, and disaster relief agencies for the testing, reporting, prevention, and control of COVID-19.
- C. All law enforcement officers and employees and all other departments, officers, agents, employees, and personnel employed by or subject to the control of the City of Henderson and/or Vance County are directed to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration and of all applicable provisions of local ordinances, state and federal laws and emergency declarations, and the Vance County Emergency Operations Plan.
- D. The City of Henderson and Vance County recognize and acknowledge that it is likely to incur substantial economic damage from the issuance of this Declaration

and does hereby request that they receive any and all available federal and state financial aid and other assistance for which they may be eligible in connection with the same.

- E. Public Health, Healthcare, Emergency Management, and local government leaders will work together to monitor all developments with respect to COVID-19, will consult and work with each other and all related agencies in connection with the same, and will issue such modifications to this Declaration as may be deemed appropriate in order to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Vance County.

I further proclaim that the Emergency Operations Plan adopted by the City of Henderson and County of Vance, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this proclamation expires or is rescinded. All emergency personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of the Emergency Operations Plan and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

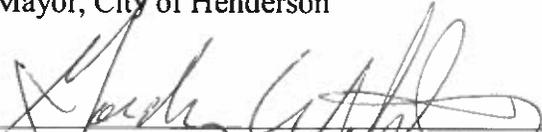
I direct that copies of this Proclamation be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in City Hall as well as the Vance County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

This Proclamation shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Proclaimed this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.



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Mayor, City of Henderson



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Chairman, Vance County Board of Commissioners