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AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

COVID-19

WHEREAS, the undersigned did, under date of March 13, 2020, pursuant to the authority of Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, N.C.G.S. §166A-19.22, and the Wilkes County State of Emergency Ordinance adopted effective January 1, 1988, issue a Declaration of State of Emergency with regard to COVID-19 (“the Declaration”), the same to be applicable within Wilkes County and the Towns of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Ronda; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of the Towns of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Ronda requested in writing that the Declaration be applicable within the jurisdictions of their respective Towns, pursuant to the foregoing authority; and

WHEREAS, the Declaration, among other things, prohibited mass gatherings of one hundred (100) or more people together at the same time and location, as set forth therein; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) subsequently issued revised guidelines on March 15, 2020, recommending that all mass gatherings of fifty (50) or more people be cancelled; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (“NCDHHS”) also issued a recommendation, under date of March 16, 2020, that all mass gatherings of fifty (50) or more people be cancelled or postponed; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned, in compliance with the foregoing recommendation by the CDC, has decided to amend the Declaration to reflect the same by issuing this Amendment to Declaration of a State of Emergency (“the Amendment”), prohibiting all mass gatherings of fifty (50) or more people together at the same time and location as set forth in the Declaration and further amending the exemptions as set forth therein by deleting exemption A(5) under Section 2 pertaining to church-related and faith-based services and events; and

WHEREAS, the Mayors of the Towns of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Ronda have requested in writing that the Amendment be applicable within the jurisdictions of their respective Towns, pursuant to the foregoing authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Wilkes County Board of Commissioners under the Wilkes County State of Emergency Ordinance adopted effective January 1, 1988, and Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and further pursuant to the consent and request of the Mayors of Wilkesboro, North Wilkesboro, and Ronda, I do hereby amend the Declaration by prohibiting all mass

gatherings of fifty (50) or more people together at the same time and location as set forth in the Declaration and by deleting exemption A(5) under Section 2 pertaining to church-related and faith-based services and events.

Except as set forth in the foregoing paragraph, all provisions of the Declaration shall remain in full force and effect.

This Amendment shall take effect at 3:00 p.m. on the 19th day of March, 2020, and shall remain in effect through 12:00 midnight on the 30th day of April, 2020, unless sooner modified or terminated. The jurisdictions specified above will continue 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 additional modifications to the Declaration as may be deemed appropriate in order to protect the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Wilkes County.

DECLARED this the 19th day of March, 2020.

By: 

Eddie D. Settle, Chairman
Wilkes County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Sarah D. Call, Clerk

