



PROCLAMATION *of the* TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE

DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY IN THE TOWN OF KNIGHTDALE, NORTH CAROLINA

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Center for Disease Control has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally and in the United States and has deemed it necessary to prohibit or restrict travel to designated areas; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services has urged all North Carolinians to take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper declared a State of Emergency for the state of North Carolina on March 10, 2020 and issued an executive order on March 14, 2020 prohibiting mass gatherings of 100 persons or more and closing public schools until March 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020 the Chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners issued a Proclamation of a State of Emergency for Wake County; and

WHEREAS, the governor and county may enact additional restrictions in the coming days and citizens are urged to take notice of all restrictions enacted under North Carolina's Emergency Management Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the Town of Knightdale under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 32.03 of the Town of Knightdale Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare a State of Emergency within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale.

Section 1. The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be all areas within the jurisdiction of the Town of Knightdale.

Section 2. Pursuant to NC General Statute 166A-19.22, it is hereby requested that the State of Emergency Proclamation issued by Wake County on March 13, 2020 apply in its entirety to the Town of Knightdale.

Section 3. I hereby order all Town 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 Town of Knightdale Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. With the exception of Public Safety facilities, I hereby order all town facilities closed to the public, including Town Hall.

Section 5. I hereby order this Declaration to be distributed to the news media, to be filed with the Town Clerk, and to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 6. This Declaration shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 17th day of March, 2020.

James A. Roberson

James A. Roberson, Mayor

Heather M. Smith

Heather M. Smith, Town Clerk