



**CITY OF HAVELOCK PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY
COVID-19**

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has been identified as a communicable disease, which can cause severe illness or death of infected individuals; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") 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 areas designated by the CDC; the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020, including a Craven County citizen as of March 14, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina have both declared a State of Emergency. Additionally, federal, state and local health agencies have issued recommendations necessary to prevent or impede the spread of COVID-19 in an effort to protect the general population of the United States, the State of North Carolina, Craven County and the City of Havelock from infection and the risk of severe sickness and/or death; and

WHEREAS, based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in the City of Havelock will remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the City of Havelock wishes to protect the lives, health, safety, welfare, and property of all persons in the City of Havelock by creating an environment offering better protection, safety and security, and;

WHEREAS, according to Section 130.12 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Havelock, the Mayor is authorized and empowered to issue a public proclamation declaring the existence of a state of emergency, and to place into effect various restrictions and prohibitions necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, welfare and property, including without limitation to define and impose a curfew applicable to all persons within jurisdiction of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William L. Lewis, Jr., Mayor of the City of Havelock, do hereby proclaim the existence of a state of emergency and impose the following restrictions:

(1) All City law enforcement officers and employees, and all emergency management workers shall cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of the city emergency ordinances set forth.

(2) The Fire/Rescue Chief, along with the Chief of Police and their subordinates, or other law enforcement officers in Havelock are hereby authorized to deny or restrict any person access to any street, highway, or location in Havelock which is reasonably necessary to promote efforts being made to overcome the emergency or prevent further aggravation of the emergency including, but not limited to:

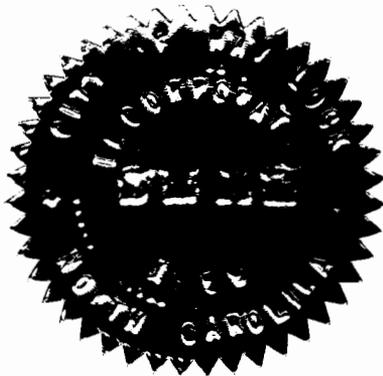
- a. The operation of any office or business establishment or any other place to or from which people travel or at which people may congregate; and
- b. Any other activities or conditions, the control of which may be reasonably necessary to maintain order and protect lives during the state of emergency.

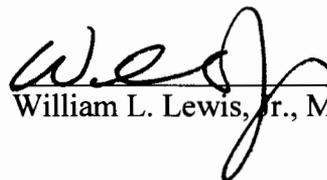
(3) All civilian and emergency management workers are hereby ordered to comply with the emergency reaction plan upon execution.

Based upon the foregoing sections of this proclamation and the best information provided by public health authorities concerning COVID-19, I hereby declare that a State of Emergency exists in the City of Havelock, effective at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. This State of Emergency will continue until cancelled or rescinded.

Effective, this the 17th day of March, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

CITY OF HAVELOCK





William L. Lewis, Jr., Mayor