

PROCLAMATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR DAVIE COUNTY

Whereas, pursuant to the authority granted to North Carolina counties under the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Article 1 of Chapter 166A and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes), which sets forth the authority and responsibility of the Governor, State agencies, and local governments in prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from natural or man-made emergencies; and also pursuant to authority granted by the Davie County Code of Ordinances, this Proclamation/Declaration is hereby made; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Emergency Management Act (Article 1 of Chapter 166A and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes), authorize counties and municipalities to individually or collectively declare states of emergency and also authorizes counties and municipalities to individually or collectively impose prohibitions and restrictions under conditions and following procedures contained in the aforementioned statutes; and

Whereas, the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a serious communicable disease causing a global pandemic that is easily transmitted from person to person, can result in serious illness or death, and has created a State of Emergency in North Carolina and Davie County; and

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has determined that COVID-19 is spread primarily between people in close proximity to one another, and can be transmitted through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks and recommends social distancing to prevent the continued spread of the virus; and

Whereas, due to COVID-19 on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic; and

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency in North Carolina and has issued multiple Executive Orders to address the public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

Whereas, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant an Emergency Declaration due to the national emergency, retroactive to March 1, 2020; and

Whereas, on March 15, 2020, the CDC warned of COVID-19 and the high public health threat for large events and mass gatherings to protect vulnerable populations; and

Whereas, on March 16, 2020, Davie County Government proclaimed a State of Emergency Proclamation/Declaration to coordinate Davie County's response to protective actions to address the COVID-19 emergency to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors located in Davie County; and

Whereas, on March 17, 2020, the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) confirmed that the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise in North Carolina and further issued an Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard for certain businesses,

Whereas, on March 21, 2020, the first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Davie County; and

Whereas, on March 21, 2020, Davie County Government modified the March 16, 2020 Proclamation/Declaration due to the imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and to ensure that health and public safety authorities can maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, lives and to provide adequate protection of property; and

Whereas, on November 23, 2020 and January 20, 2021 Davie County government further modified the Emergency Declaration to be consistent with CDC and State of North Carolina then current guidelines; and,

Whereas, there is still an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and to ensure that health and public safety authorities can maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, lives and to provide adequate protection of property; and

Whereas, based on CDC recommendations, Davie County *encourages* all unvaccinated residents to wear a face covering or non-surgical protective face mask in public settings where multiple persons are present and encourages all unvaccinated residents to obtain a vaccination, practice social distancing, and wash one's hands frequently as measures designed to help slow or prevent the spread of the virus and to prevent individuals who may be infected and unaware from transmitting the virus to others; and,

Whereas, based upon CDC and State recommendations, fully vaccinated individuals have the choice as to whether or not to wear a mask under any circumstance; and,

Whereas, since the January 20, 2021 Emergency Declaration, the local COVID-19 numbers have decreased to a certain extent, but are still present; and,

Whereas, based upon new CDC recommendations released this past week and Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order of May 14, 2021, a State of Emergency continues to exist within Davie County, North Carolina, but certain restrictions previous mandated can now be eased.

Now therefore it be resolved, in compliance with the Proclamations and Declarations of the President of the United States, the Executive Orders of the Governor of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard, and after consultation with local departmental authorities, the undersigned hereby still declares that a State of Emergency continues to exist in Davie County.

In accordance with this Proclamation/Declaration, and until it is rescinded or modified, I hereby further resolve, declare, and order that:

1. A State of Emergency continues to exist within Davie County, North Carolina. This Proclamation/Declaration, and the directives included within it, includes all the unincorporated areas of the County, and, with the consent of the incorporated areas/municipalities of the Town of Mocksville, Town of Cooleemee, and Town of Bermuda Run.
2. The Proclamations and Declarations of the President of the United States, the Executive Orders of the Governor of North Carolina, and the North Carolina Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services Order of Abatement of Imminent Hazard, and any

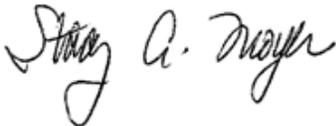
Proclamations/Declarations of any municipality, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME, shall be followed.

3. Davie County Government has no jurisdiction regarding state governed entities, as those elected/administrative bodies will need to make their own informed decisions. Therefore, all such local government meetings including boards, committees, and other community meetings required by ordinance, shall adhere to state governed entities rules and procedures.
4. Public Notice shall be given to: the general public; filed with Clerk to the Davie County Board of Commissioners; posted on the doors of the County Courthouse and County Administration and/or Municipal Administration Building(s); the Davie County Enterprise Newspaper, the NC State WebEOC system, and the County and/or Municipal website(s) to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation/Declaration.
5. The State of Emergency Proclamation/Declaration is hereby modified/revised on May 18, 2021, from the January 20, 2021, Proclamation/Declaration and, shall take effect at 8:00 a.m. on May 18, 2021, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded. PROCLAIMED the date and time set forth above.



Terry Renegar, Chairman
Davie County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Stacy A Moyer, Clerk to the Board