

**CITY OF DUNN, NORTH CAROLINA
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-Co-V-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, in response to the global spread of the virus and the disease it causes, the World Health Organization has 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 confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the State of North Carolina, through the Office of the Governor, Roy Cooper, issued Executive Order No. 116 titled "Declaration of a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19;" and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Pandemic, the first caused by a coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a National Emergency and the first case was confirmed in Harnett County; and

WHEREAS, declaring a State of Emergency is necessary to allow for sufficient personnel and resources to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare and to secure property in the City of Dunn.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the City of Dunn under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and the City of Dunn Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the City of Dunn, throughout the municipal city limits of the City of Dunn.

Section 2. I hereby order all City of Dunn law enforcement officers, employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control:

- a) to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration;
- b) to coordinate with county, state and federal agencies for the orderly protection, treatment and rehabilitation of affected persons; and

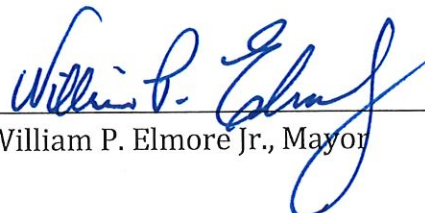
c) to provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

Section 3. I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations as deemed necessary to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with the Clerk to the City of Dunn and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

Section 4. This declaration shall take effect on March 16, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.


So Proclaimed, This, the 16th Day of March, 2020.





William P. Elmore Jr., Mayor

Attest:



Tammy Williams, City Clerk