



DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

The following declaration is issued by the Mayor of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores,:

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

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 ("NCDHHS") confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020.

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."

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

WHEREAS, over 40% of the full time residents in the Town of Pine Knoll Shores are over the age of 65, placing them in a higher risk category.

WHEREAS, over two-thirds of our total population are second homeowners, many of whom have primary residences in higher impacted geographical areas across the state of North Carolina and beyond.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 18 of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the Mayor of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores is authorized to declare a State of Emergency for Pine Knoll Shores beginning upon adoption of this Declaration and shall remain in effect until rescinded; and

WHEREAS, copies of this Declaration should be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at the Town Hall and other public buildings as appropriate.

WHEREAS, in the judgment the Mayor of Pine Knoll Shores in conjunction with the judgment of Pine Knoll Shores Emergency Management personnel, arrangements must be made immediately to implement plans for the prevention of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from any and all emergency situations that may result from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of such Emergency Management plans will allow sufficient personnel to be mobilized and positioned in order to:


- a) Reduce vulnerability of people and property of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores to damage, injury, and loss of life and property;
- b) Prepare for prompt and efficient identification, care, and treatment of threatened or affected persons;
- c) Coordinate with state and federal agencies for the orderly protection, treatment and rehabilitation of affected persons; and
- d) Provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to emergency mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery among agencies and officials of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores and with similar agencies and officials of other counties, with state and federal governments, with interstate organizations, and with other private and quasi-official organizations; and

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Ch. 18, Emergency Management, of the Code of Ordinances of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores, and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the undersigned Mayor of the Town of Pine Knoll Shores does hereby declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Pine Knoll Shores effective 5 p.m.

March 13th and further declares that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by the Town of Pine Knoll Shores is in effect. This Declaration shall remain in effect until it expires or is rescinded.

I direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at Town Hall.

Adopted this the 13th day of March 2020.



Ken Jones, Mayor

Attest:



Sarah G. Williams, Town Clerk