DECLARATION IMPOSING ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER DARE COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19

WHEREAS, on March 16, 2020, Dare County declared a State of Emergency due to the unprecedented public health threat posed by COVID-19, a life threatening communicable disease that has been found in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, after the Dare County State of Emergency was declared, the President of the United States issued “The President’s Coronavirus Guidelines for America -- 15 Days to Slow the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19)” which provided additional mitigation guidelines to slow the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as the Dare County Control Group met and were apprised of the new guidelines and local public health impacts by the Dare County Public Health Director; and

WHEREAS, Dare County has determined that additional restrictions and prohibitions are necessary to protect public health and safety from COVID-19.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Dare County Board of Commissioners pursuant to Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 92 – Emergency Management of the Dare County Code of Ordinances, the following restrictions and prohibitions are hereby imposed:

Section 1. Mass gatherings in Dare County are prohibited.

A mass gathering is defined as any event or convening that brings together more than fifty (50) persons in a single room or single space at the same time, such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theater, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This includes parades, fairs and festivals.

A mass gathering does not include normal operations at airports, bus and train stations, medical facilities, libraries, shopping malls and centers, or other spaces where more than fifty (50) persons are gathered. It also does not include office environments, restaurants, factories, grocery stores or other retail establishments.

Section 4: Entry into Dare County by non-resident visitors is prohibited.

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 166A-19.31, a violation of any of the restrictions and prohibitions imposed under this declaration is punishable as a Class 2 misdemeanor in accordance with G.S. 14-288.20A.

I hereby order this declaration: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) to be filed with Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.
This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020, 2 PM, and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED:

Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Dare County Clerk to the Dare County Board of Commissioners