



**DECLARATION AMENDING, RESCINDING AND ADDING RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS UNDER DARE COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR COVID-19**

**WHEREAS**, a State of Emergency was declared by the Governor of North Carolina on March 10, 2020; and,

**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**, Dare County declared additional restrictions and prohibitions effective at 2 p.m. on March 17, 2020 prohibiting mass gatherings and prohibiting the entry of non-resident visitors; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dare County declared additional restrictions and prohibitions effective at 10 p.m. on March 20, 2020 prohibiting the entry of non-resident property owners; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of North Carolina issued Executive Order NO. 121 on March 27, 2020 implementing a statewide stay at home order to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and,

**WHEREAS**, Dare County declared additional restrictions and prohibitions effective at 5 p.m. on March 28, 2020 implementing Stay Home, Stay Healthy restrictions and prohibitions; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Dare County Control Group met and was apprised by the Dare County Public Health Director that based on the ability to complete testing for COVID-19 following NC DHHS guidelines, to perform contact tracing for COVID-19 cases, and with the increased capacity of the statewide medical system to treat COVID-19 patients, the number of individuals allowed to enter Dare County can be gradually increased with limited impact on the ability to protect public health 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 IA of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 92 - Emergency Management of the Dare County Code of Ordinances, and with the consents of Mayors of the Towns of Duck, Southern Shores, Kitty Hawk, Kill Devil Hills, Nags Head and the Manteo Mayors designee, the following restrictions and prohibitions are hereby imposed in all of incorporated and unincorporated Dare County:

**Section 1:** The prohibition on the entry of non-resident property owners is rescinded beginning at 6 a.m. Monday, May 4, 2020 for non-resident property owners whose last name begins with A–I; beginning at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 for non-resident property owners whose last name begins with J – R, and beginning at 6 a.m. on Friday, May 8, 2020 for all non-resident property owners whose last name begins with S – Z.

**Section 2:** All individuals are now required to wear a mask or cloth face covering in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies and other similar places).

**Section 3:** The Dare County, “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order issued on at 5 p.m. on March 28, 2020 shall remain in effect until 11:59 pm on May 22, 2020 unless modified, extended or rescinded. The Governor’s stay at home order issued on March 27, 2020 shall be followed in Dare County until modified, extended or rescinded. To the extent there are differences, whether more or less restrictive, the Governor’s order shall control.

**Section 4:** All previous restrictions and prohibitions previously imposed remain in effect, including the entry of non-resident visitors and the prohibition on mass gatherings of 10 people.

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 is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 22, 2020 unless modified, extended or rescinded.



**DECLARED**

Chairman, Dare County Board of Commissioners

**ATTEST:**

Clerk to the Dare County  
Board of Commissioners