



Town of Walnut Cove

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DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS the novel coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) is a new disease spreading across the globe causing flu-like symptoms, but with **markedly higher rates of death, particularly among the elderly and medically vulnerable populations;**

WHEREAS on January 31, 2020, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex M. Azar II declared COVID-19 to be a **public health emergency in the United States;**

WHEREAS on March 10, 2020, in order to address and mitigate the threat of COVID-19 to vulnerable populations and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in North Carolina, Governor Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency in North Carolina;

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020, President Trump declared the COVID-19 pandemic to be a **national emergency;**

WHEREAS on March 16, 2020, the County of Stokes declared a local state of emergency;

WHEREAS as a result of the above-described public health emergency, I have determined that there is an imminent threat of, or existing conditions have caused or will cause, widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property, and public safety authorities may be unable to maintain public order or afford adequate protection for lives or property; and

WHEREAS declaring a State of Emergency and imposing the restrictions and prohibitions ordered herein is necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Walnut Cove under Article 1A of Chapter 14 and Chapter 166A-19.31 of the North Carolina General Statutes a **Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Walnut Cove**

Section 2. The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be within the corporate limits of the Town of Walnut Cove.



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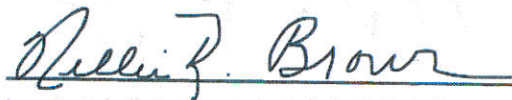
Section 3. In accordance with North Carolina General Statute 166A - 19.31, the Town of Walnut Cove can enact a variety of different restrictions and/or prohibitions as this evolving situation warrants. At this time there are no restrictions.

Section 4. I, hereby, request that all residents, visitors, businesses, and establishments within the Town of Walnut Cove follow any and all directives and recommendations set forth by the North Carolina Governor's office, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, and the Stokes County Department of Public Health.

Section 5. 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 for the Town of Walnut Cove and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this declaration.

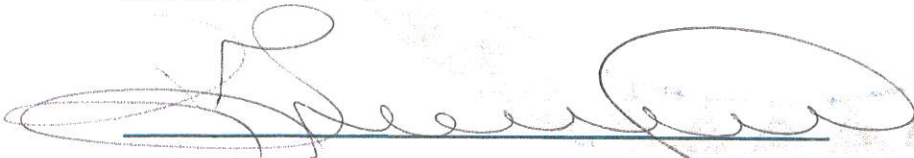
Section 6. This declaration shall take effect on Monday, March 16, 2020 at Five (5) pm and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 16th of March, 2020, at Four (4) pm



Nellie R. Brown,
Mayor, Town of Walnut Cove

ATTEST:



Kim Greenwood
Town Manager, Town of Walnut Cove