



## **DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**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; 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; and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19.

**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, the President of the United States declared that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 14, 2020, the State of North Carolina, through the Office of the Governor, Roy Cooper, issued Executive Order No. 117 titled: Prohibited Mass Gatherings and Directing the Statewide Closure of K-12 Public Schools to Limit the Spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed the number of cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina continues to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, in the judgment the Mayor of Holden Beach, in conjunction with the judgment of the Holden Beach Commissioners and Town of Holden Beach 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

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor and Emergency Management Director of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 33 of the Town of Holden Beach's Code of Ordinance, I hereby declare a State of Emergency for the Town of Holden Beach based on the public health emergency posted by COVID-19.

This declaration is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Adopted this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2020.