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**PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CARTERET COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the COVID-19 pandemic poses an imminent threat and existing conditions have caused or will cause widespread or severe illness, or loss of life to our citizens, and therefore, declare a State of Emergency in Carteret County, North Carolina on this the 19th day of March, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Carteret County, under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 5 of the Carteret County Code of Ordinances:

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Carteret County.

Section 2. I hereby order all County employees, County Law Enforcement Officers, County Fire and EMS Departments and Emergency Management Personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Proclamation, all applicable local ordinances, State and Federal laws, and the Carteret County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. I hereby order this Proclamation: (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 the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure proper implementation of this Proclamation.

Section 4. This Proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

Section 5. In an effort to curb the spread of the disease as well as not overwhelm our local medical providers and facilities, we are discouraging entry into our County by those who are not residents or property owners of the County. While we realize that this decision comes with tremendous impacts and restrictions, we feel that discouraging travel to our County at this time is in the best interest of public safety.

"Carteret County is prepared and ready to respond should COVID-19 be confirmed in our County. We will continue to work with the County's administrative staff and public health officials to educate residents and to keep our citizens informed on precautions to avoid contact and potential spread of the virus," concluded Chairman Smith.

Additional information and recommendations can be found on the County website: www.carteretcountync.gov.

DECLARED this the 19th day of March 2020

William H. Smith, Chairman
Carteret County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST

Rachel Hammer, Clerk to the Board

