



PROCLAMATION DECLARING A STATE OF EMERGENCY

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chair of the Board of Commissioners of Catawba County pursuant to Article 19.22 of Chapter 166A and Article 36 of Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 14 of the Catawba County Code of Ordinances, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in the county Emergency Management Ordinance exists because of an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel coronavirus.

The disease was first detected in China and has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States and the State of North Carolina. The virus has been named "SARS-CoV-2" and the disease it causes has been named "coronavirus disease 2019" (abbreviated "COVID-19"). Although there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Catawba County, significant impacts are occurring and are expected to continue for an undetermined amount of time. Impacts include, but are not limited to, closure of public schools, restriction of public gatherings, supply chain interruptions, and increased demands on healthcare facilities and providers.

In order to respond to the risk posed by COVID-19 many county and municipal departments, outside response agencies and other community partners are closely collaborating to contain and mitigate the pandemic, ensure essential services are provided and communicate with the public.

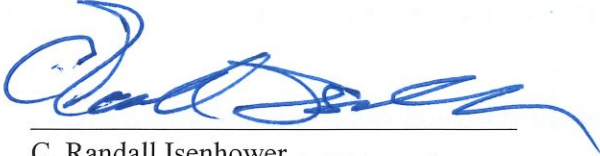
All Catawba County citizens are encouraged to follow the guidelines and restrictions that have been or will be implemented by local, state and federal officials.

2. I, therefore, declare the existence of a State of Emergency within Catawba County. The emergency area covered by this declaration shall be the entire area of Catawba County.
3. By and with the consent of the mayors of the municipalities within Catawba County, this Proclamation Declaring a State of Emergency applies within the municipal limits of the Town of Brookford, the Town of Catawba, the City of Claremont, the City of Conover, the City of Hickory, the Town of Long View, the Town of Maiden and the City of Newton.
4. The restrictions and prohibitions ordered below are necessary to maintain order and protect public health, safety, and welfare, and to secure property.
5. **The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:** None.

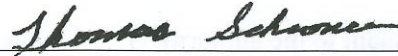
6. **Execution of Emergency Plan.** We hereby order all law enforcement officers, employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the Catawba County Emergency Operations Plan, municipal emergency operations plan, any other relevant plan and the restrictions and provisions of this declaration.

7. This proclamation shall become effective immediately.

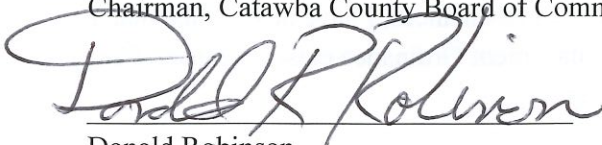
Proclaimed this the 18th day of March 2020, at 8:00 a.m.



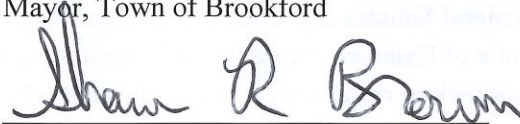
C. Randall Isenhower
Chairman, Catawba County Board of Commissioners



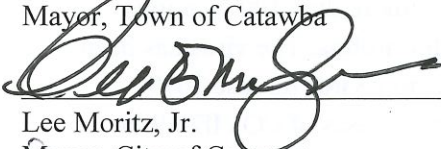
Thomas Schronce, Sr.
Mayor, Town of Brookford



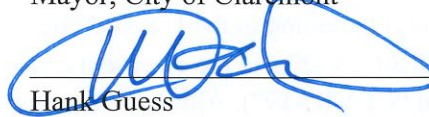
Donald Robinson
Mayor, Town of Catawba



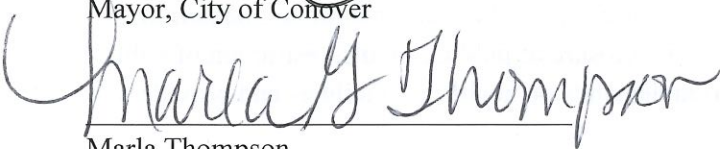
Shawn R. Brown
Mayor, City of Claremont



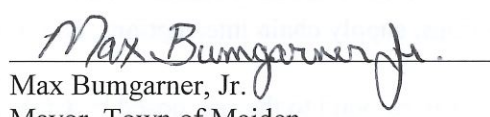
Lee Moritz, Jr.
Mayor, City of Conover



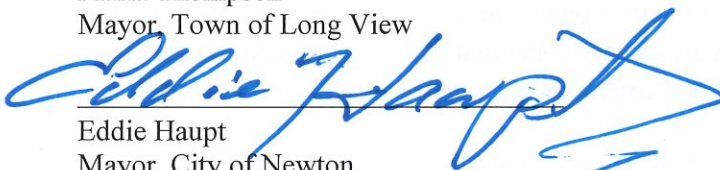
Hank Guess
Mayor, City of Hickory



Marla Thompson
Mayor, Town of Long View



Max Bumgarner, Jr.
Mayor, Town of Maiden



Eddie Haupt
Mayor, City of Newton

