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The following declaration is issued by Board of Commissioners of Yancey County

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-Co-V-2 Virus. This is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans which can spread from person to person, and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is believed to have begun in Wuhan, China, in late 2019, the first case was detected in the United States on January 21, 2020, and the first case was confirmed in North Carolina on March 3, 2020, and

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, and

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, and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, noting that COVID-19 had infected more than 118,000 people in 114 countries and had caused 4,291 deaths, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic, and

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

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 is mitigated to the greatest extent possible and that residents and visitors in Yancey County remain safe and secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority contained in Ch. 21, Yancey County

Code of Ordinances and Article 1A of the N.C.G.S. Chapter 166A, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare a Local State of Emergency for Yancey County beginning upon adoption of this Declaration and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

Upon the written request and consent of the Mayor of the Town of Burnsville, this Declaration of Local State of Emergency applies within the municipal Town of Burnsville.

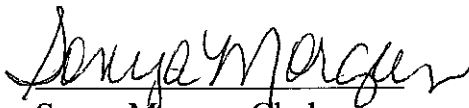
It is further declared that the Emergency Management Plan adopted by Yancey County, and that all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements are in effect and shall remain in effect until this Declaration expires or is rescinded. All Emergency Management and Health and Medical Services personnel are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementations of the provisions of the County's Emergency Management Plan.

We direct that copies of this Declaration be disseminated to the mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Declaration be posted at the County Courthouse and other public buildings as appropriate.

Adopted this the 16th day of March, 2020.

ATTEST:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COUNTY OF YANCEY


Sonya Morgan, Clerk

BY 
Jeff Whitson, Chairman

