

**A PROCLAMATION FOR THE
DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”) a global pandemic on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 to coordinate the State’s response and protective actions to address the COVID-19 public health emergency and to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of residents and visitors; and

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

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services confirmed cases of COVID-19 in neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, Iredell County citizens travel to and from those counties and the residents of those counties travel to and from Iredell County regularly, increasing the risks for exposure of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Iredell County declared its first presumptive case of COVID-19 within the borders of Iredell County on March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above-described 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

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.

WHEREAS, the Town of Mooresville and City of Statesville have already declared individual states of emergency; and

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

Section 1. A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of Iredell County outside the Town of Mooresville and the City of Statesville, to include the Town of Harmony, Town of Love Valley, and Town of Troutman unless they declare independently.

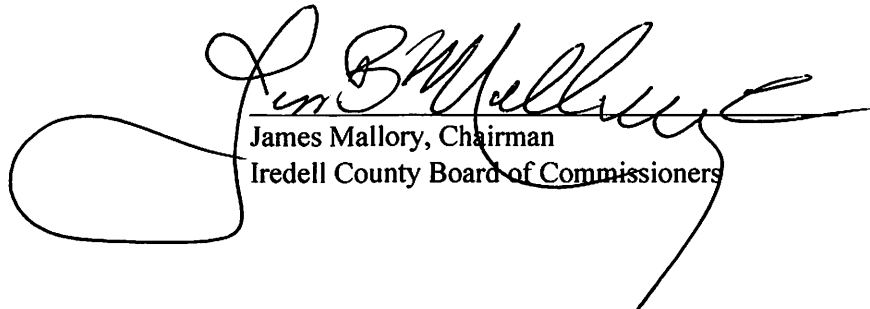
Section 2. I hereby authorize the County Manager to take appropriate protective action to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including implementing restrictions, modifications, or alterations to County operations, services, or facilities, and to take other protective measures deemed appropriate, and consistent with guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and in accordance with executive orders issued by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina.

Section 3. I hereby order all County law enforcement officers and employees and all other emergency management personnel subject to our control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of the provisions of this Declaration, all applicable local ordinances, state and federal laws, and the Iredell County Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 4. 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 the Clerk to the Iredell County Board of Commissioners and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to ensure property implementation of this declaration.


Section 5. This declaration shall take effect on March 17, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded.

DECLARED this the 17th day of March, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.



James Mallory, Chairman
Iredell County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Amy Anderson, Clerk to the Board