



**DECLARATION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY BY THE MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF
TOPSAIL BEACH**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Topsail Beach has duly adopted ordinances pursuant to the provisions of N.C. G.S. 166A Article 1A to determine and proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency and to impose certain prohibitions and restrictions appropriate to meet the emergency; 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; the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19 globally; and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") confirmed cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Governor 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 subsequent executive orders pursuant to COVID-19 and;

WHEREAS, Based upon guidance from CDC and NCDHHS, arrangements must be made to take appropriate action to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors of Topsail Beach will remain safe and secure.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steven G. Smith, Mayor of the Town of Topsail Beach does hereby proclaim:

I

A State of Emergency exists in the Town of Topsail Beach due to the expected impacts of COVID-19.

II

The emergency area covered by this state of emergency shall be for the territorial limits of the Town of Topsail Beach

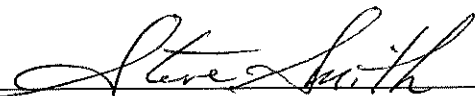
III

The Town has instituted the following restrictions:

- 1) All public parking at beach and soundside accesses will be closed until further notice.
- 2) All on-street parking to unauthorized vehicles is prohibited. Government agencies, town employees and any authorized contractor of the Town is exempt from this regulation.
- 3) Town Center Park is closed for all uses.
- 4) Bush Marina facility and the Boat Ramp are closed to the public except for the removal of watercraft. Boat Slip rentals will remain in effect. Government agencies, town employees and any authorized contractor of the Town is exempt from this regulation.

IV

This Amended Declaration of a State of Emergency shall be effective at 12:00 p.m. on March 20, 2020 and shall remain in effect until rescinded by the Mayor and/or the Board of Commissioners.



Steven G. Smith
Mayor

Attest:



Jessica DeRoche
Deputy Town Clerk