



AMENDMENT # 8 - STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATION ORDER

Whereas, Graham County issued a State of Emergency Order on March 19, 2020, following Governor Cooper's State of Emergency declaration for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020, which addresses response and protection actions to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19 as a potentially serious and deadly public health hazard; and

Whereas, Graham County has limited access to health care facilities and is following the guidance from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents of Graham County remain safe and secure; and

Whereas, under NCGS 166A-19.20A *et seq* and 14-288.1 *et seq*, the declaration of a State of Emergency qualifies the county and its local government units to take what actions it deem necessary to protect the health and safety of the residents, and pursuant to NCGS 166A-19.20A and 14.288.1;

Now, therefore, we hereby amend the State of Emergency declared on March 19, 2020, to include the closure of the following roads to protect the health and safety of the residents of Graham County.

- 1) ROAD CLOSURE - CHEROHALA SKYWAY AT NC 143 AND TN 165 STATE LINE ON FRIDAY 27 MARCH, 2020 EDT
- 2) ROAD CLOSURE AT TAPOCO ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHEOH DAM POWERHOUSE ENTRANCE US 129 --- FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2020, 500 PM EDT
- 3) NC FOREST ROAD, KNOW AS TATHAM GAP ROAD -- FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2020, 500 PM EDT
- 4) PORTERFIELD GAP ROAD --- FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2020, 500 PM EDT

The following roads will be closed at a date to be determined in the near future:


- 5) ID CHECK POINT AT THE FONTANA PITSTOP GAS STATION EAST BOUND LANE NC HWY 28 AT THE INTERSECTION OF WELCH RD AND NC HWY 28
- 6) ID CHECK POINT AT TSALI ROAD WEST BOUND LANES NC 28
- 7) ID CHECK POINT AT TOPTON NORTH BOUND LANE US 129 AT 129/74 INTERSECTION
- 8) OTHER SECONDARY ROAD CLOSURES WILL BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER DATE.

This amendment to the Declaration to the State of Emergency Order shall take effect at 5:00pm EDT on this the 27th Day of March, 2020 under the authority vested in me by Graham County Emergency Management Ordinance and NCGS 166A-19.20A.



Dale Wiggins, Chairman
Graham County Board of Commissioners

Witnessed by:



Rebecca E. Garland, MPA, CPA
County Manager



Larry Hembree, Director, Emergency Management

ATTEST:

Kim Crisp, Clerk of the Board

(county seal)