



**PROCLAMATION & ORDINANCE
OF A COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY
COUNTY OF GRAHAM COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, the Governor Roy Cooper by Executive Order No. 116, declared a State of Emergency for the State of North Carolina on March 10, 2020 that addresses response and protective actions to prevent the spread on the Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19, a potentially serious public health hazard;

WHEREAS, in consultation with health care professionals and based upon guidance from the U. S. Center for Disease Control and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, arrangements must be made immediately to take such actions as are deemed necessary and appropriate to ensure that COVID-19 remains controlled and that residents and visitors in Graham County remain safe and secure; and

WHEREAS, the declaration of a local State of Emergency qualifies the county and its local government units for certain compensatory allocations from the State and Federal governments to meet the additional expenses associated with the expenditures necessary to address the potential health hazard

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 to secure property.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority granted to me by the Graham County Board of Commissioners in a resolution adopting an Emergency Ordinance on the 17th Day of March in a duly called regular meeting;

AND WITH THE FURTHER AUTHORITY of the County Manager and the Director of Emergency Management;

AND PURSUANT TO North Carolina General Statutes 152A-121 *et seq*, 166A-1920 *et seq* and 14-288.1 *et seq*, I have determined that a State of Emergency exists in the County of Graham.

Section 1: I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Graham.

Section 2: I hereby order, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 153A – 123 all County Law Enforcement Officers, County Employees and all other Emergency Management Personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of any provisions or instructions issued by the County, and all applicable mutual assistance compacts and agreements, and to furnish assistance thereunder.

Section 3: I instruct that any action taken pursuant to this Proclamation be consistent with such actions and if necessary in conjunction with those of the Department of Public Health.

Section 4: I direct that copies of this Proclamation and Ordinance be disseminated to municipalities and mass communications media for publication and broadcast, and that a copy of this Proclamation be posted in the County Manager's Office, on the Graham County website and other public building as appropriated.

Section 5: This declaration shall take effect on the 19 day of March, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. and shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded



**Dale Wiggins, Chairman,
Graham County Board of Commissioners**



Rebecca Garland, County Manager



Larry Hembree, Director, Emergency Management

ATTEST:



Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board

(county seal)

