

**DECLARATION OF THE RESCINDING OF THE STATE OF EMERGENCY
DECLARED ON MARCH 16, 2020, TO COORDINATE RESPONSE
AND PROTECTIVE ACTIONS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF CUMBERLAND COUNTY**

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

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 as a Public Health Pandemic of International Concern on March 11, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) has warned of the public health threat posed by COVID-19 within the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency, based on the public health emergency of COVID-19, on March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of North Carolina has since March 10, 2020, extended the State of Emergency in effect, but at the recent signing of the State Budget the Governor indicated that the North Carolina State of Emergency will be rescinded on or about August 15, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners did Declare a State of Emergency to Coordinate Response and Protective Actions to Prevent the Spread of Covid-19 within the Jurisdiction of Cumberland County pursuant to Chapter 166A of the General Statutes of North Carolina, and per the terms of that Declaration the State of Emergency would remain in effect until rescinded.

WHEREAS, because of the above-described emergency, the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners had determined that there was an imminent threat of the spread of COVID-19 within Cumberland County which created a public health emergency which would likely cause serious illness, loss of life, and disruption of essential services and systems; and

WHEREAS, that subsequent to the Declaration of a State of Emergency by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners that vaccinations and other safety measures were put into place and made available to the public, and that there has been a reduction in the impact of infection with COVID-19 within Cumberland County, and a decrease in hospitalizations of those infected with COVID-19; and

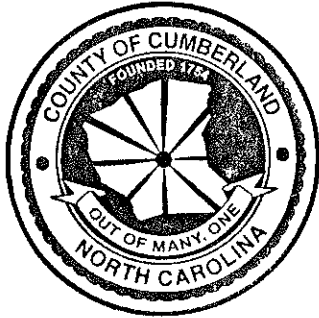
WHEREAS, that the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has determined that there is no longer a need for a Declared State of Emergency within Cumberland County, North Carolina at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County under Article 1A of Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Chapter 5 of the Cumberland County Code of Ordinances, I hereby declare as follows:

Section 1. That the State of Emergency declared within the jurisdiction of Cumberland County, North Carolina, on March 16, 2020, is hereby rescinded effective immediately.

Section 2. That Notice of this rescinding of the State of Emergency in Cumberland County shall be filed with the Clerk to the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; and further distributed as necessary to ensure its full implementation.

This the 1st day of August, 2022.



Glenn Adams, Chairman
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Candice H. White
Clerk to the Board